Lebanon, while 49 per cent believe they will one day obtain Lebane

nationality. Twenty-eight per cent expect in acquire the nationality of a future Palestinian state, while maintaining the right to live in

### Arab boycott will remain - PLO

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Arab economic boycott of Israel will remain in place during the two-year interim period of Palestinian self-rule. a member of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) executive committee said Friday. Yasser Abed Rabbo told reporters in Washington that problems still needed to be resolved, particularly over the status of Jerusalem, before the four-decade-old boycott would be ended (see page 2). Mr. Abed Rahbo, who headed the Palestinian delegation to the conference on aid to the territories, said Palestinians were demanding full withdrawal from the territories in exchange for full peace. On other matters, Mr. Abed Rahbo said an Israeli-Palestinian commission was expected to agree to terms on elections in the territories by mid-October.

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TEHRAN (AFP) - One of Iran's deputy foreign ministers is to visit Iraq in the oext two weeks following a decision made in a meeting between the foreign ministers of the two countries, Tebran Radio reported Saturday. Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akhar Velayati and his Iraqi counter-part Mohammad Said Al Sahaf met Friday in New York on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly, the radio said. The official IRNA news agency identified the deputy foreign minister as Mohammad Javad Zarif. He will discuss bilateral ties and "pending issues" with Iragi officials. Iran and Iraq, which fought a bloody war for eight years, have repeatedly accused each other of violating ceasefire agreements signed between the two countries in August 1988.

### Iran allows detained German to go home

BONN (R) - Iran has allowed a German businessman, held in the country since 1991, to return bome, Bonn govern-meot spokesman Norbert Schaefer said. Mr. Schaefer said 59-year-old Paul Dietrich Fersch, who was temporarily arrested in Tehran two years ago and then refused permission to leave the country, had arrived back in Germany, Mr. Fersch's release came after intense efforts by Chancellor Helmut Kobl and Foreign Minister Klans Kinkel.

### Dead fish found off Kuwaiti coast

KUWAIT CITY (AFP) Thousands of dead fish have beeo found floating off the Kuwait but preliminary tests show no sign of chemical or toxic contamination, the envirooment council said Saturday. Council Secretary Mahmoud Yusef Abdul Rahim said that the fish — all of them of the same size and species were removed from the Gulf near the Shuaiba port ou Friday. "None of them showed signs of contamination by chemical or toxic products," he said, adding that no dead fish were found io any other region of Kuwait. The United Arah Emirates, some 800 kilometres southwest of Kuwait, has been plagued by a mystery ailment that killed thousands of fish in its waters last month. Iran, which has a long Gulf coastline, has also reported dead fish in its waters.

### **Kuwaitis oppose formal** tles with Israel

KUWAIT CTTY (AFP) -Most Kuwaitis oppose the emi-rate's establishing diplomatic ties with Israel following the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO)-Israel peace accord, according to a poll published here Saturday. The survey of 240 respondents by the daily Al Siyassa said 75 per cent of Kuwaitis were against establishing relations with the Jewish state and more than 74 per cent opposed selling it Kuwaiti oil. Also, 54 per cent of those questioned said they would not visit Israel and the occupied territories, while 33 per cent said they would consider it. More than 64 per cent of the polled Kuwaitis said they opposed the Israel-PLO agreement and 74 per cent of them disagreed with extending financial aid to help implement the self-rule accord.

### Quake joits Astara in northwest Iran

TEHRAN (AFP) - An earthquake measuring 4.4 on the opeo-ended Richter scale shook the Astara region in oorthwestern Iran Saturday. the official IRNA news agency reported. There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage. The tremor occurred at 0922 GMT and its epicentre was some 400 kilometres northwest of Tehran, IRNA

# King voices satisfaction with election on schedule

Polls will reaffirm Jordan's principles

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Satur-day expressed deep satisfaction that the parliamentary elections would be held on schedule and voiced confidence that the Nov. 8 polls would be fair and democratic.

Presiding over a six-honr marathon session of the Cabinet, King Hussein stressed that Jordan "will conduce to enbance democracy based on freedom, human rights and absolute confidence in the Jordaman people's awareness and determination to protect and safeguard national unity." "I am absolutely confident that the Nov. 8 elections will

Hussein said. "The Jordaoian citizens" awareness and their shouldering of responsibilities with honesty, courage and wisdom will enable us to confroot any chal-

be free and democratic," King

lenges," the King said.
The King pledged "continoed Jordanian backing for their choice of methods to regain their legiomate rights in their national bomeland."

King Hussein reiterated Jordan's determination to protect Arab and Islamic rights in Jerusalem and reaffirmed the Kingdom's continued support for the Palestinians in their drive to regain their legitimate

"We will not cede our rights in Arab Jerusalem or our Islamic heritage in the city under any circumstances," the King

"The return of Jerusalem is

an Islamic responsibility which requires joint Islamic-Christian efforts," King Hussein said. He said that His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan will visit the Vatican following his current visit to Washington and meet His Holiness Pope Joho Paul II to discuss the

question of Jerusalem. The King also reviewed the activities of the Jordanian Hashemite Charity Organisation and its emergency aid to suffering from the consequences of conflicts and natural

King Hussein directed the government to extend help to Lebannn to help that country to reconstruct villages des-troyed in an Israeli air blitz in late July.

"All possible aid should be extended to Lebanon in this regard and also all possible relief aid should go from Jordan to the victims of the earthquake that hit Western India," King Hussein said.

King Hussein also instructed the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs to continue assistance to Bosnian families

hosted hy Jordan.

The King also reviewed issues related to Jordanian workers, guest workers in the Kingdom and the compensation demanded by Jordanian expatriates returning from Kuwait following the Gulf cri-He also discussed with

Cahinet ministers matters related to tourism, the environ-

The King passed directives to the ministers on all these matters and said efforts should be made towards providing the best possible service to the

ment, electricity, oil, energy,

education, and public works.

At the outset of the Cabinet meeting, the King listened to a briefing hy Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali and Cabinet members about their respective department's activities and the measures taken towards the implementation of Royal directives as contained in the letter of designation to the government.

### Lifting Arab boycott is 'suicide' — Crown Prince WASHINGTON (R) -Israel in place since 1948, was should not be exclusive of any-Crown Prince Hassan said

Saturday that lifting the Arab boycott of Israel would be "economic suicide" despite U.S. calls for such a move. One day after an unpre-

cedented White House meeting between Prince Hassan and Israeli Foreign Minister Shi-mon Peres, the Crown Prince also said a new vision of Middle East peace should include Iran.

And the peace process, he said, would harness economic progress rather than depending on diplomatic breakthroughs. "I do not see effectively that

... prosperity ... is going to sit around and wait indefinitely while the politicians or the diplomats decide when is a convenient time in constituent terms to sign a peace treaty." He said the Arah boycott of answered by an Israeli boycon of Arah states, and that Jordan and other Arah states must get something in return if they decide to end their boycon.

"To those who have said the boycott is economic warfare. I would say removing the boycon is economic suicide," Prince Hassan said.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher and others in the Clinton administration have called for an end to the Arab boycott following the signing of peace accords between Israel and the Palesnine Liberation Organisation on Sept. 13 and a Jordanian-Israeli peace

agenda on Sept. 14. Asked whether Iran should be included in the Middle East peace process, Prince Hassan replied. "Participation effectively in the new regional order

Wheels seen in motion towards

addressing Jordan's concerns

If the United States wants to help Iran become a part of this process, it should focus more on peacemaking, the Crown

"Ynu will get aggressive and antagonistic positions taken by Iran if the signals are 'Iran is tbe next pop up target'," he said, adding that he hoped Iran would be included in a "wider

regional understanding. Referring obliquely to a global conference held on Friday that raised \$2 billion to support the Sept. 13 Israel-PLO peace accord. Prince Hassan said the internacional community should focus more on peacekeeping.
"Let's face it: Over \$100

hillion (has been) spent on

(Continued on page 10)

# Jordan and Palestinians plan close eonomic cooperation, integration

By Wafa Amr Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organisatin (PLO) have agreed on a hasic framework for cooperation which would guide Palestinian negotiations with Israel in oomic aspects of the Israel-PLO autonomy accord and beyond, informed sources said Saturday.

Broad details of the Jordan-PLO agreement, which were made available to the Jordan Times, indicate that the two banks of the River Jordan will be partners in a new arrangement that envisages economic integracion.

The accord falls in line with public statements made by PLO officials and Palestinian economic planners that the Palestinian eotity envisaged under the Israel-PLO agreement would seek to discogage itself from the confines of the economy of the Jewish state and link up with the Arab economies of the region, particularly Jordan.

Ahmad Qurai (Aho Ala), head of the economic depart-ment of the PLO who led the Palestinian side in the secret oegotiations with Israel in Oslo, would not confirm or deny that the PLO and Jordan bad concluded an ecocomic cooperation agreement. But he outlined in an inter-

view with the Jordan Times certain basic points of the Palestinian approach to economic development and cooperation with Jordan.

He said the Palestinians

Palestinian institution" during that period. In the meantime, territories. he said, Palestinians would use the Jordanian dinar as the official currency, and the Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) would

monitor and regulate the monitory policies and money movement. The CBJ would issue permits to open branches of Jordanian banks inside the occupied territories, as well as Palestinian and Arab baoks. It would also guarantee the free movement of money and regulate foreign currency reserves, Mr. Qurai said.

"However, Palestinians would be represented in the CBJ's board of directors in order to make policies related to the Palestinian territories," Mr. Qurai said.

Other sonrces said the

issues concerning the occupied

Mr. Qurai said there will be free trade between Jordan and Palestine, wherehy Jordan can export goods to the Palestinians worth \$150 millioo during the first two years, and vice versa. This ceiling would donhle in the third year.

Jordanian officials said ear-

lier they woold strive for free trade with the occupied territories during the interim period, and would refuse Israeli imposition of tariffs on Jordanian goods entering the Palestinian market.

"This would have to be negoriated with the Israelis, bearing in mind that neither the Palestinians nor Jordan accept restrictions on their trade between the Jordanian and Palestinian markets," one PLO official said.

### By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter THE CURRENT visit of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan to Washington has set

the wheels in motion towards addressing some of Jordan's major ecocomic concerns, particularly its foreign debt, officials and diplomatic sources said Saturday. The first tangible sign of

Washington taking a serious look at Jordan's economic situation came when President Bill Clinton affirmed that the Kingdom's foreign deht was heavy and shoold be reduced. Mr. Clinton, addressing reporters after a meeting at the

White House with Prince Hassan and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and a conference of international donors to support Middle East peace,

conference today was to give life and meaning and reality to the agreement we saw between Israel and the PLO. There will have to be other investments, other commitments that will belp to deal with the problems of Jordan, iocluding the enor-mous problem Jordan has of accumulated deht."

There needs to be some debt relief for Jordan, and the Umted States will support that. And there are a whole lot of other things that we need to be doing on that."

tion, were the first formal U.S. formed sources said.

which came in reply to a ques- said one senior source, who did

response in two months of Jordanian efforts to raise the issue of the Kingdom's foreign deht with Washington, in-Jordan's present foreign debt is estimated at \$6.5 bil-

Settlers killwoman; troops

"The purpose of the dooor's lion. Of is, \$1 billion is owed to the U.S. - \$380 million in military dehts and \$620 million in non-military obligations.

U.S. laws allow the write off military debts, and Jordan now hopes that the president's comments will be taken up with the State Department and followed up with Congress for a write-off of the \$380 million the way Washington did with Egypt and Poland, the sources

"It may be too early to predict how Congress would look at a deht write-off for Mr. Clinton's comments, Jordan, but we are bopeful." not want his name to be used.

Dr. Marwan Muasher, head of the Jordan Information Bureao in Washington and spokesman for the Kingdom's peace negotiators with Israel,

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### rocket Gaza Strip homes Palestinians and Jordanians would not set up their own central bank during the interim have agreed to form a permaperiod, hut preparations would nent joint committee in the Combined agency dispatches (Continued on page 4) start for opening a "central CBJ to deal with monetary

NEW YORK (Agencies) — Syrian President Hafez Al Assad has accused Israel of not

to end Israeli occupation of Arah territories. He told the U.S. PBS net-

Israel-Palestice Liheratico Organisation (PLO) limited autonomy deal signed Sept. 13 io Washington, notably since it was orchestrated without Syria's knowledge, hut insisted Damascus would not hinder it. Bot be said PLO Chairman

MOSCOW (AFP) - Representatives of the Russian gov-

ernment and the hardline par-

liament approved proposals

Saturday made by their respec-

tive advisers to try to solve the

nation's political crisis, ITAR-

President Boris Yeltsin's two

leading adversaries, Par-

liamentary Speaker Ruslan

Khasbulatov and Vice-

President Alexander Rutskoi.

were meanwhile reported by

central television to have ex-

pressed willingness to meet the president in a bid to end the

However, as large numbers

of security forces deployed at

several points around Moscow.

supporters of the rebel partia-

ment clashed with police near

the parliament building, leav-

TASS reported.

current crisis.

Yasser Arafat had made a mistake by going it alone.
Mr. Assad, speaking in Arabic with simultaneous transla-

tion in English, said he would not muzzie Damascus-based Palestinian groups opposed to the self-rule accord for the occupied Gaza Strip and West Bank town of Jericho. "Syria will never carry a

stick and become a policeman against those people who consider this is their central cause." be said

The Syrian president said Arab leaders risked losing their lives by signing separate peace agreements with Israel and that he could also become a target if the purused a path the Syrian people considered iocompatible with their in-

ing 16 policemen injured, two

seriously, along with five de-

At the Danilov Monastery

where the church-sponsored

talks took place Metropolitan

Kirill, who played a leading

role in the negotiations, said

the advisors to the two sides

suggested a schedule for the

withdrawal of security forces in

and around the parliament

building.
The adversaries must now

consider the different stages of

the schedule set up by the advisers, ITAR-TASS said.

Russian deputies had re-

sumed the talks on ending the.

confrontation with Mr. Yeltsin

after briefly suspending them

in an effort to win direct access

to the media, the news agency

monstrators.

On separate deals, Mr. Assad said the new rule demonstrated Israel did not want peace and that such a logic was

belligerence with Israel ... Israel still occupies our land ... we have started the peace process but we have not reached

onialists. Do you expect us to smile at them? We fight against the colonialists with all means at our disposal. Violence can be used against imperialists.

"This kind of violence is not

U.S. President Bill Clinton and Secretary of State Warren Christopher were committed to pushing forward the peace process.

He blamed Israel for constantly upping the ante in de-mands but not giving anything in return. "That's why the others should understand we want peace but we are not begging."
Syria will pursue the peace

process begun in Madrid in October 1991 and insist the rules laid at that conference be respected. Mr. Assad said. Damascus is ready for an agreement provided it is comprebensive: Involving Israeli

withdrawal from occupied (Continued on page 10)

# OCCUPIED JERUSALEM

- Jewish settlers shot dead a Palestinian woman and wounded another while they were picking figs in the West Bank Saturday, Israeli security sources said. The sources said they had

received the report from police hut military officials said it was unclear who the attackers

In the occupied Gaza Strip, Israeli troops bunting Palesti-nian activists rocketed at least 13 Palestinian homes, Palestinian sources said. They said troops shot and wounded five Palestinians in scattered clashes in the strip.

The army confirmed it made an extensive hunt for fugitives on Saturday in the Gaza Strip and said seven suspected members of the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) had been arrested.

It was the first time since the Palestine Liberation Organisatoin (PLO) and Israel signed a peace deal on Sept. 13 in Washington that troops had rocketed Palestinian homes. Hamas opposes the accord.

"Is this the peace (Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak) Rahin wants? Is this the beginning of peace? Where is (PLO Chairman Yasser) Arafat wbo shook hands with Rabin?" said Naima Zard, whose Gaza City home was destroyed in Saturday's operation.

The security sources said the two West Bank Palestinian women were picking figs in a field near the Jewish settlement of Ofra, north of Ramallah, when attacked.

They said Rifah Mahmoud Jasser, who was lightly injured, told police three armed settlers approached and told her and her companion, 70-year-old Raobah Abdul Al Karima Jab-

# Two Hamas members killed

TWO members of the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) were killed during a massive Israeli army search operation in the Gaza Strip Saturday, Israeli military sources said. They said the two men were fighters in Ezzeddin Al Qassam,

the armed wing of Hamas, and one of them had been sought by the army for more than a year.

They were hiding in a cellar which Israeli soldiers hlew up with high explosives during the eleven-hour operation, the sources

One of the dead, Hamid Salem Haza, 24, was wanted on suspicion of killing Palestinian collaborators and carrying out attacks on Israeli soldiers.

Sixteen Palestinians suspected of being Hamas militants were arrested during the operation, which nerted a number of weapons, including five rifles, rocket launchers, AK-47 sobmachine guns, explosive devices, handguns and ammunioon, Israeli sources said. Palestinians leader Yasser Arafat sent a message of protest to

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin over the massive military sweep of the Gaza Strip.

Ziyad Abu Ziyad, advisor to the Palestinian delegation in peace talks with Israel, told AFP he had passed on the protest message

from Mr. Arafat to Mr. Rabin.

He would not reveal its contents.

ra, to leave.

When the women refused, the men shot them, killing Ms. Jahra and lightly injuring Ms. Jasser. 52. The two women were residents of 'Ain Yabrud village, near Ofra. The security sources said police were searching Ofra for the attackers.

The 11-hour search in the Gaza Strip targetted "solely" Palestinians suspected of belonging to Izzeddin Al Qassem, the armed wing of Hamas, which has rejected the PLO-Israeli peace accord, military sources said.

But residents said the operation was also aimed at the Fateh Hawks, an armed wing of the Fateh faction of the

Prime Minister Rabin told Israeli military radio "the army will continue to pursue terrorists to prevent attacks against Israelis and Palestinians" in the occupied territories.

He accused the PLO of "being responsible for disturbancces in the territories because it has not yet designated the members of a working commission to negotiate the declaration of principles with

But Palestinian negotiator Sari Nusseibeh charged that Mr. Rabin was "crushing the hopes of Palestinians by destroying homes and carrying out military operations in Gaza.

"If he wants to respect the accord signed with the PLO he must order the army to change its attitude. It is behaving as if nothing had happened," Dr.

Nusseibeh told AFP. The Israeli military sources said the operation "came as part of our fight against wanted Palestinians, was aimed solely at Hamas, and took place in

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various areas of the Gaza

# Israel not serious about peace -

being serioos about peace, adding that it was not only a right but a duty to use violence

work's McNeil-Lehrer News Hour late Friday that "the lack of seriousness of Israel" was the main obstacles to peace but that it could be overcome. He severely criticised the

"a logic of war."
"We are still in a state of

peace yet," he said.

And he said: "We have col-

only legitimate, it is a duty." Syria will nevertheless return to the negotiating table, Mr. Assad, said, noting that

Russian foes want a deal, but demos continue Deputy Speaker Yuri Voronin, leading the parliament's team in the negotiations centred on disarming the 1,000 guards who are reportedly defending the parliament building, earlier said he was break-

iog off talks. Mr. Yeltsin has given the deputies until Monday to hand over their weapons. "The ultimatum is crimin-

Mr. Kbasbulatov said. "October 4 means nothing to me, after the fourth comes the fifth, that's all.' And Mr. Voronin complained that government negotiators were misinforming the

public about the negotiations

while the deputies themselves

were barred from television

Mr. Khasbulatov complained that Russia's regions had delayed in taking action against Yeltsin following his controversial decision to dissolve parliament. Resistance to the dictato-

rial regime is growing but the

regions have been late in tak-

ing action, particularly in ap-

plying economic sanctions." Mr. Khashulatov told a press conference Mr. Rutskoi had earlier appealed to Russians to fight Mr. Yeltsin's "dictatorship" and not to give him the chance

"to wipe out Russia." During the day both Mr. Yeltsin and Mr. Rutskoi made appearances in front of the cameras outside the parliament

# **Assad**

# Mubarak poised for landslide win in referendum — poll

CAIRO (AFP) — Egyptian President Mubatak is tipped to win massive public support Monday fot a third mandate to pursue a campaign against fundamentalist violence.

Polls predicting another outpouring of support for Mr. Mubarak appeared here Friday amid reports of a second round-up of suspected Islamic activists inside 48 hours.

In a poll published by the weekly Akhbar Al Yom, some 93.7 per cent of 5.000 respondents nationwide said they would vote in Monday's referendum in favour of reelectine Mr. Mubarak for a further six-year term as of Oct. 13.

Some 99.2 per cent of Mr. Muharak's backers said they supported him for his declared intention to eliminate fundamentalist "terrorism."

Meanwhile police sources announced the arrest of 18 suspected Islamic militants during a series of swoops by security forces in and around the Upper Egypt province of Those arrested include sus-

pected fundamentalist leader Magdi Khalil. the sources said. Also held were two presumed activists sought in con-nection with a 1991 bomb attack on a police station in Beni Suef. 125 kilometres south of Cairo, the sources

The raid came a day after security forces detained 30 suspected Islamic extremists following operations in the town of Al Badari, 40 kilometres south of Assiut.

Security is being tightened throughout Egypt, notably at government offices and toutist sites, to avert possible fundainentalist attacks in the runup to Monday's plebiscite. police said.

The newspaper poll. conducted in conjunction with Alexandria University, found 6.3 per cent opposed to Mr. Mubarak's reelection.

Some 79 per cent of respondents said they intended to vote in the referendum. In an interview published

Thursday in the semi-official Al Ahram newspaper, Mr. Mubarak said the answer to society's problems was a stronger democracy, adding he would only turn to parties and political formations that respect democracy and reject violence and terrorism.

He stressed Egypt would not tolerate "any group that calls for sedition, division and destruction" and that security forces were being provided with all necessary means to foil future attacks by armed activ-

Egypt's 18-month-long cam-paign of violence by Islamic militants has cost more than

Al Shaah newspaper, which is sympathetic to fundamentalists, accused the president earlier this week of "condoning" alleged police excesses against government opponents.

## Media frenzy over 'yes' for Mubarak's third term

CAIRO (AFP) -- President Hosni Mubarak, a sure winner in Monday's referendum on a third term, has nevertbeless launched a media campaign similar to those seen in competitive elections.

Posters of the Egyptian leader urging a "yes" vote for a new six-year term beginning Oct. 13 share space on Cairo streets with streamers that read: "Why I will say yes."
There are no other candidates for president.

To attract the most attention, some public and private companies have posted their 'congratulatory messages" on hot air balloons nailed to the ground.

"For hetter tomorrows." says one placard showing the president tenderly testing his head on that of a child.

'With Mubarak, your worrtes disappear," teads another. The messages follow Egyptians along the 30-kilometre stretch from Heliopolis in the north to Helwan south of the capital.

The campaign, focusing on the economic and social achievements of Mr. Mubarak's last two terms, avoids mention of the 18-month-long fundamentalist campaign of violence that has cost more than 200 lives.

The newsweekly Al Musawwar said Wednesday the campaign voiced "the overflowing sentiments of citizens towards their father, brother, friend: their leader Mubarak."

The official press divides its pages between messages of allegiance and a listing of "great accomplishments" dur-ing Mr. Muharak's 12 years in power.

Short of an agenda for the new term and despite calls from the opposition, the campaign has ignored Egypt's economic and social woes, including at least 20 per cent unemployment, according to the International Labour Organisa-

The problem is considered a key cause of rising fundamentalism. Mr. Mubarak said in an in-

terview that after the referendum, which is to take place amid tight security, he would invite all non-violent political groups to an "enlarged national dialogue.

The main opposition movements have called for constitutional amendments to allow a choice of candidates in presidential elections, rather than a "yes" or "no" referendum.

But for the official media, economic growth, the discovery of new oil fields and a drop in infant mortality are all attributable to Mr. Mubarak.

Even the Egyptian handball team's victory last week over Denmark at the junior championships was credited to the

An Egyptian journalist wbo declined to be identified said that by organising a massive campaign ahead of the referendum and by maintaining a high profile, the government wants to demonstrate it does not fear the fundamentalists.

\*Even if the result is predictahle and Mubarak will inevitably he elected by the usual percentage ranging between 98.90 and 99.99, all the demonstrations are to create an ambiance of democraty."

Egyptians, noted for their sense of humour, are having a field day with the latest joke. A man who voted "no" panic-stricken and tried desperately to retrieve his ballot from the box. Polling officials gently calmed him with these words: "It's alright this time But don't repeat this stupid mistake for the fourth term.

Egyptian security forces detained 150 suspected Islamic militants Saturday in nationwide raids as part of a security clampdown ahead Monday's presidential election, police

# Settlers kill woman; Gaza homes rocketed

(Continued from page 1) Strip." They said soldiers used

various types of weapons to gain access to huildings. Troops backed up by helicopters early Saturday evacu-

ated homes in parts of Gaza City, Bureij refugee camp. Jabalya, Rafah and Khan Younis in the Gaza Strip and began firing on the emptied homes, damaging or destroying 13, Palestinians said. Palestinian sources denied

the seven people arrested were wanted activists but said they were Hamas supporters. The vice president of the Palestine National Council

(PNC), Mohammad Subeih, said on Saturday in Tunis that the Israeli moves "poison the atmosphere" for peace and

urged Israel to put an end to

The Palestine Central Council has yet to ratify the peace accord. It is expected to meet

on Oct. 10 in Tunis. "We know there are in the Israeli army command, and among some of the security services, people who are against the agreement," Mr. Subeih told Reuters. "We call on the Israeli lead-

ership to put an end, with the maximum of energy, to these acts which poison the atmos-Israeli forces this week captured Ahmad Awad Ikmail,

er armed wing, along with several of his followers at a hideout in the West Bank. "The arrests constitute a

leader of Fateh's Black Panth-

flagrant violation of the spirit and the letter of the agreement. This is a dangerous sign. We strongly condemn these arrests which poison the peace atmosphere," Mr. Subeih said. Mr. Subeih said the PLO

was on the verge of announcing a Palestinian team for the talks with Israel. He said the PLO leadersbip had been working day and night during the last two weeks

would be announced soon. "All that we want from Mr. Rabin is that be facilitates the withdrawal operation (of the Israeli army)," he added.

Zakaria Al Agha, member

to prepare for implementation of the accord and that details

of the Palestinian negotiating team, told Reuters: "Rabin's remarks are a lame excuse for

taking in the occupied territor-

He said the PLO was ready to provide Israel with names of the Palestinian team, but the accord itself had yet to be ratified by the Palestine Central Council.

The Black Panther arrests were widely denounced by Palestinians and Mr. Arafai appeared upset when he referred to them during a ceremony at a cemetery on Friday marking the 1985 Israeli bombing of the PLO's headquarters in Hammam Achatt, near Tunis.

"We want peace but not surrender. We want peace for our sons and their (the Israelis') sons," the Palestinian news agency WAFA quoted Mr. Arafat as saying.

# PLO guerrillas mete out summary justice

By Sakher Abu Al Oun Agence France Presse

RAFAH, Occupied Gaza Strip — Three young Palesti-nians, hlindfolded and handcuffed, cower under the guns of their PLO guerrilla inter-rogators in a back alley of a

Gaza refugee camp.
The "soldiers" of Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat are meeting out justice guerrilla style on the dangerous streets of the Gaza Strip, where a PLO police force is to take charge when the Israeli army withdraws before the end of the year. One of three interrogators

asks questions while the other two, in jeans and Tshirts, brandish M-16 rifles. The accused appear to have been beaten. But the interrogators did not hit them in front of AFP journalists at this poverty-strick camp. bordering Egypt.

One by one Abdul Salam Aref, Bashir Al Badrassawi and Khaled Kassab admit their crimes in broken voices, On Tuesday, they donned masks and brutally mugged 55-year-old money-changer Ahmad Al Kotati as he walked home in Rafah.

They bundled him into the back of a car, bound and blindfolded him, stole his cash and gold worth \$30,000 and dumped him on some waste land. Mr. Kotati was still in hospital recovering from the beating on Friday.

Tayssir Al Bardini, 27, deputy leader of the Hawks. The armed wing of Fateh, the main PLO group, on the Gaza Strip, ordered Mr. Bashir's arrest after hearing of the theft.

"We went to Bashir's house after hearing about what happened, it's not his first robbery." Mr. Bardini

we questioned him and he gave us the name of his accomplices. After the confessions, the

thieves are driven to the camp's main square where a crowd quickly gathers shouting "death, death". The square has seen many

a "collabotator" or "criminal" executed by the Hawks and when the guerrillas take the blindfolds off the three.

sprawled in the dust. They cry out for mercy. The Hawks lift up each of

their prey's heads to the crowd, before Yussef Al Arjani draws his pistol and fires two bullets into the legs of the first man.

His screams of pain and fear mix with the clapping of the crowd and the yelling of

The second victim is shot. but suffers in silence. Mr. Arjani's pistol jams and he picks up an M-16 to accomplish his task on the third man.

As the gathering applauds, the three Hawks fire off a few rounds into air.

Mr. Bardini calls for a car to take the wounded men, all in their 20's to hospital. "We have done the work of the Palestinian police," Mr. Bardini says, "I want to be a police man or a security

officer. I have the experi-

Mr. Bardini and his comrades are wanted by the Israeli authorities for killing collaborators, soldiers and

So they could not go to the

recruiting offices which opened in Gaza last week for the new Palestinian police, but 11,000 other candidates did. About half can expect to become policemen.
"Shooting in the legs is

symbolie punishment because the people wanted them kil-led," Mr. Bardini said. "We are continuing to punish those who commit crimes in this difficult period."

The Hawks have received orders from Mr. Arafat to halt all operations against the Israelis since the autonomy agreement was signed on Sept. 13 and bave decided not to kill any more Palestinian collaborators or cri-

We are under orders not to violate the ceasefire declared by our leadership," he states. "But we can defend ourselves if the army con-

tinues to hunt us down, Six fighters from the Black Panther's. Fatch's armed wing on the West Bank, were captured on Wednesday as the Israelis pursue wanted Palestinians ahead of the Oct. 13 deadline for

most when the region's eco-

from international aid, it will

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crease in foreign investment.

That will compensate for a

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gain access to the vast im-

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South Korea and China,

in theory, Israel would also

Apart from the benefits

nomic barriers fall

# Arab boycott easing, but unlikely to go until overall peace

By Ed Blanche The Associated Press

NICOSIA -- The 43-year-old Arab boycott of Israel, designed to economically isolate the Jewish state, is crumbling. It is probably just a matter of time before it is scrapped altogether.

But peace in the Middle East will not guarantee economic integration between Arabs and Israelis and bring immediate prosperity to a region that has been on war footing for decades.

Despite the momentum the Sept. 13 PLO-Israel pact has given the peace process, the boycott is likely to remain until a comprehensive Mideast setilement is achieved.

Even then, the Arabs may insist that Israel scrap its nuclear weapons and reach agreement on water-sharing before abandoning an econo-mic weapon that has, despite many imperfections, isolated Israel and curbed its growth. The Federation of Israeli

Chambers of Commerce estimates that the boycott has cost the Jewish state \$20 billion in lost exports and \$16 billion to \$32 billion in lost investment. But leading Lebanese eco-

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nomist Marwan Iskandar said

the boycott was never truly successful and that Israel's losses are exaggerated.
"If it's lifted it won't change things much. The im-

pact will be mainly psychological," Mr. Iskandar told the Associated Press. The Arab League established the Damascus-based Boycott Office in May 1951,

tbree years after Israel was founded. The boycott bans direct financial and commercial links with Israel and urges Arab states not to buy goods from companies that trade with the Jewish state. Companies such as the

Coca Cola Co. and the Ford Motor Co., were blacklisted in the Arah World. No complete list has ever been pubished, but Arab sources believe it comprises arouund 10,000 companies. Some Arab states have

only paid lip service to the boycott. Gulf states such as Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have ignored it when buying weapons from the United States, Israel's main military

Before the Gulf war. Kuwaii was one of the most zealous boycott enforcers... But in August 1991. six months alter U.S. led forces ended the Iraqi occupation, the Emirate announced it was

no longer blacklisting U.S. companies that traded with Israel because it needed their help to rebuild.

Israeli sources say that for some time Israeli companies have been clandestinely selling hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of goods, such as foodstuffs, furniture and electrical appliances, to Arab countries, including Iraq and Libya. The sales go through third countries such as Greece and Cyprus.

### **ANALYSIS**

International pressure on the Arabs to abandon the boycott has been building for years. The Americans particularly have encouraged the Arabs to ease it as a confidence-building measure in the peace process. The leaders of the Group

of Seven industrialised nations called for an end to the boycott when they met in Tokyo during the summer. Japan. which because of its

dependence on Arab oil has long shunned Israel, sent its first economic mission to the Jewish state two months ago. But Israel has become the region's most advanced industrial state despite the

which bave cheaper labour. Most Arab states, their economies beggared by decades of conflict and chronic mismanagement, are unlikely to throw open their doors to Israeli entrepreneurs.

Egypt's breakaway peace treaty with Israel in 1979 did not yield the integration between the region's two biggest economies that many hoped for.

Ed Blanche, the AP's Middle East news editor, has covered the region since 1985.

# Libya: UTA suspects free to travel to Paris

WASHINGTON (AFP) -The Tripoli government is willing to let two Libyans suspected in the 1989 bombing of a French airliner travel to Paris to talk to French investigators, the Libvan foreign minister

said Friday.
"We have informed (the French) that we will accept. We will not oppose that the two people accused will go to Paris," Foreign Minister Omar Al Muntasser told CNN in an interview from New York.

"Talking with the French is easier than talking to the British." he said, alluding to Britand American demands that Libya surrender two suspects indicted in the 1988 bombing of a Pan American jetliner over Lockerbie, Scotland. The attack killed 270

In the French case, Paris authorities are demanding that the two Libyan suspects cooperate in the investigation into the bombing, in which an UTA airliner exploded over Niger, killing 170 people.

French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe said Friday Libya must give a written pledge to band over the Lockerbie bombing suspects before France, Britain and the United States lift a

threat of new sanctions. He also said that there was no question of separating the Lockerbie demand from calls fill Libya to hand over the UT suspects.

He was speaking afte Mr. Muntasser said the Tripoli would allow the tag

Libyans to go to Paris, some

thing Libya had hitherto refused. "We want an official pleds signed and dated, not dechar tions on CNN," Mr. Juppe to

iournalists. He also stressed that "the is no question of separating th two affairs," referring to th Lockerbie and UTA bom

Britain, France and the U ited States tabled a resolution to the U.N. Security Count Friday calling for strong; sanctions against Libya for ir-refusal to hand over the su:

pects in the Pan Am hlast. The three are not pressu for an immediate adoption the sanctions resolution, howing that tabling it will lenough to pressure Tripoli in handing the men over, a plomatic sources here said.

Intentions are all very we but what we want now is a Mr. Juppe said. tion," Mr. Juppe said.
"If things go no further the
these declarations of inter the resolution will be put the vote.".

## **NEWS IN BRIEF**

### Assad unaware what's going on — Peres

TEL AVIV (AFP) - Syrian President Hafez Al Assad doe: not understand developments in the Middle East peace process because he refuses top-level talks with Israel, Israel Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Friday. Mr. Peres Assad "does not understand what is happening in the work," "Everyone is talking to everyone else, everything is in the open for television to record, nobody is hiding." The Israeli foreign minister told the U.N. General Assembly or, Tuesday that if Syria was really serious about peace in the Middle East, it would have agreed to top-level public dialogue. with Israel. Mr. Peres was the Israeli architect of the peacdeal with the Palestine Liberation Organisation, which wa: thrashed out in secret in Oslo and signed in Washington or Sept. 13. Syria, which is still technically at war with Israel, i ...seen as a vital link to any lasting Middle East peace plan Damascus is seeking the return of the Golan Heights. "Mr Assad is mistaken if he thinks America and Israel will accep. bis conditions," Mr. Peres said Friday. "On the one band, he is all smiles towards Washington, while on the other, be keep stabbing Lebanon. We don't like this kind of suffering," is

### Tunisian journalists in occupied Jerusalen.

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AFP) - Four Tunisian journal ists have been in occupied Jerusalem since Wednesday on at unprecedented visit, Israeli television reported Friday. The four, correspondents for official Tunisian Television, arriver in the occupied West Bank from Jordan, over the bridgstraddling the River Jordan, it said. They are staying in a hote tories on the West Bank. Tunisians had refused offers of guidance from the Israel foreign ministry and were instead relying on the Palestinia Press Service bere during their weeklong stay, television said They refused to take questions from Israeli journalists. Israeli A and Tunisia, which houses the headquarters of the Palestin Liberation Organisation, are still technically at war, but a Israeli foreign ministry delegation visited Tunis last week to prepare for talks with the PLO on Palestinian refugees, due to start Oct. 12.

### Voice of Peace' ends broadcasts

TEL AVIV (AFP) - The "Voice of Peace," a pirate radi station that broadcast a message of peace throughout the Middle East shut down operations Friday with an extende broadcast of "We shall overcome." Owner Abie Nathan sai the 20-year-old floating rock station - calling from "some":where in the Mediterranean" - outlived its purpose onc Israeli prime minister and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafa. shook hands last month. He scotched plans to sink the ship. a symbol of its completed mission, instead telling listeners ship would dock in Tel Aviv and hecome a museum of the

### Middle East peace process. Four killed in Kurdish clashes in Turker

ANKARA (R) — Two rebei Kurds and two Turkish soldiers. have been killed in clashes on Mount Ararat in easter Turkey, security officials told the Anatolian news agency of Friday. Security forces have been attacking camps of the separatist Kurdish Labour Party (PKK) for several weeks ner the Armenian border on the slopes of Mount Agri (Ararat). where the Bible says Noah's Ark came to rest after the Gree Flood. More than 7,200 people have been killed since the PKI began a violent campaign for independence in 1984.

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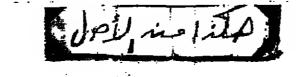
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In marking Arab Child Day, the education of these youngsters from Salt, as well as all the nation's children, will be focus of a National

conference (Staff photo by Aynsley Floyd)

# Group to review child education

AMMAN (Petra) — The National Association for the Education of the Child (NAEC) Saturday announced that it would hold a national conference next week on child

education in Jordan. Organised to cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the conference will review working papers on children's culture and edocaing on tion, related legislation, the role of family members in child upbringing and promoting children's education, the rose kindergartens and nurseries, the appropriate environment for children's education, the

role of television and radio io augmenting school education. the role of play and toys in childreo's culture, books and magazines for children and the role of the theatre in promoting the scopes of knowledge among Jordanian children.

NAEC President Mohammad Hassan announced Saturday that the association will observe Arab Child Day today (Sunday) through a series of activities that would be organised under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor.

He said that the two-day conference, which begins Wednesday, is regarded as the

major activity on this occasion. adding that the NAEC would he organising training courses for nursery and kindergarten teachers in Irbid.

Visits will be organised to purseries and gifts will be distri-buted to the children, Dr. Hassan said.

Other association activities include a series of seminars to promote children's education programmes and training for television and radio scriptwriters to belp produce better quality material for children's

# Azraq is to be site of 3-day JSCEP environmental activity

"Ea a-AMMAN (J.T.) - The Jordainian Society for the Control of Environmental Pollution (JSCEP), in cooperation with the German Friedrich Naumann Foundation, is orga-: :: - nising a three-day environmental activity in Azraq beginning Monday.

upied F. S Oct 4 and Wednesday Oct 6. which will be held in cooperation with the Ministry of ... Education, will include a visit by school students of north and south Azraq to the Mobile Exhibition which aims to create environmental awareness institutes will deliver lectures a.m.

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Lectures on environmental issues and environmental films will be delivered. The Mobile Exhibition unit

will be situated at north Azraq Sports Club On Tuesday, Oct. 5, seminar on "Environmental Problems

and Approaches" will be held at Al Sayad Hotel in Azragi where representatives from the public and private-sectors in the area and interested individuals are invited to partici-

Experts from various public

ground water in Jordan, the conservation of biodiversity, population growth and its impact on the environment, desertification in Jordan and the environmental dimension within the democratisation of Jor-

The aim of this seminar is to bigblight the environmental problems existing in Azraq, and to increase public awarcness of these problems.

Moreover it aims to provide an appropriate atmosphere for

dialogue and debate.

## **PSD** closes bridge centres

AMMAN (Petra) - The Public Security Department (PSD) centres that were opened during the summer to organise travel across the King Hussein Bridge to the West Bank bave been closed in view of the decline in the oumber of visitors to the Israeli occupied

The PSD said in a statement that as of today (Oct. 3), travellers will not need to register in advance for their turn to cross to the West Bank and can go directly to the bridge.

During the summer the oumber of visitors crossing from Jordan to the West Bank is greatly increased and this often causes congestioo. The the PSD centres are opened every sommer to regulate travel and facilitate the crossing procedures.

# Majali holds follow-up meeting with RJ board

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Prime Minister Abdul Salam al Majali Saturday held a meeting with the Board of Directors of Royal Jordanian (RJ), the national carrier, to discuss the airline's operations and its situation in general against the backdrop of plans to privatise the airline.

During the meeting, attended by RJ President and Chief Executive Officer Mahmoud Jamal Balgez and the airline's vice-presidents, Dr. Majali reaffirmed his government's commitment to addressing the problems of the carrier, official sources said.

The Jordan News Agency, Petra, said the meeting made a general review of the airline's operations during the past month and the prime minister gave his instructions on RJ policies in the next phase, without giving specific details. The sources recalled that Dr. Majali and several members of his cabinel had met with the RJ executives in August and promised to find a solution to the airline's financial problems "once and for

Saturday's meeting came as follow-up to that meeting, and after a cabinct decision to appoint former Finance Minister Basel Jardaneh as chairman of the board of directors of RJ.

Mr. Jardaneh, a promineni banker, left government in May after serving for more than five years during which he is credited with successfully leading Jordan out of a severe financial crisis exacerbated by \$8.3 billion in foreign debt .

Mr. Jardaneh has not taken formal office at the RJ and officials said a Royal Decree was expected to be issued soon confirming his new post. Meanwhile, officials wel-

comed the appointment of Mr. Jardaneh and said that they expected the former finance

minister to work out solutions to the financial problems of the airline, mainly its foreign debt accumulated over the years.

Although privatisation is cited as the best means to address the carrier's problems caused by debts estimated at over JD260 million, the transformation is expected to take several years.

"In the interim, one could count on the vast experience of Mr. Jardaneh in dealing with debt issues in general to come up with short-lerm and medium-term solutions to the airline's financial crunch," said a senior official.

While serving as finance minister, Mr. Jardaneh was also closely involved in the overall financial status of the airline in that he had to fend off foreign pressure on the government to settle RJ's debt

repayment obligations.

Mr. Jardaneh is known to have been one of the advocates of privatising the airline. But,

as another senior official summarised the wish of some RJ employees, "Mr. Jardaneh will come up with a solution without privatisation if there is such a solution."

However, it is highly unlike-ly that there could be such a solution except through a massive infusion of government funds which will retain the state ownership of the airline. Successive governments have ruled out that course.

An international consultancy company is assessing the airline's financial status, in terms of its assets and operational revenues etc. with a view to preparing the best mechanism for privatisation. The airline has been making

operational profits, but debt servicing obligations have been pushing it heavily into the red. "Mr. Jardaneh is highly respected and his views and approach carry a lot of weight, particularly that he is very well

versed in the workings of gov-

ernment." noted a senior bureaucrat. "I could easily say that there would be closer interaction between the executive authority and the airlinc. and common grounds on various issues would not be difficult to reach between the

Mr. Jardaneh succeeds Khaldoun Abu Hassan, a leading industrialist and chairman of the Jordanian Chamber of Industry, who resigned more than two years ago.

No appointment was made to replace Mr. Abu Hassan since his resignation, and the deputy chairman of the board, the chief of the Jordanian Air Force, has been presiding over board meetings.

The airline is also waiting for a replacement to be named for Khalil Talhouni, who also resigned along with Mr. Abu Has-

The executive decisions of the airline are taken by Mr.

# Chile wants to import more phosphate, potash

AMMAN (Petra) - Chile is interested in promoting trade and economic ecoperation with Jordan, and the two sides are currently studying prospects for joint ventures, according to Chilean Ambassador to Jordan Nelson Hadad Heresi Saturday. "We are determined to increase our imports of phosphate and potash from Jordan and we are currently conducting talks on means of carrying out joint ventures in mining,

It is hoped that an Amman-based project would be initiated soon with joint Chilean-Jordanian capital and Chilean expertise in mining, he added. He noted that a Jordanian

said the ambassador.

delegation is already in Chile to follow up on discussions of these matters and also on setting up a phosphoric acid plant in Jordan with joint funding.

Furthermore, the ambassador stressed the need for a direct maritime route linking economic and trade relations between the two countries would bave new avenues for progress, added Dr. Heresi.

Referring to other fields of cooperation, the ambassador said that at the beginning of 1993 the two countries began implementing a cultural agreement which provides for cooperation in education, science, culture, arts, sports, information and media. health and social develop-

In implementation of this agreement, he added, the two sides will exchange visits by delegations which would pave the way for cooperation in these fields.

Jordan and Chile have agreed to send Jordanian broadcasters for Spanish lan-guage courses in Chile to enhnaee Jordan's radio broadcasts to South America

# Domestic tourism survey shows citizens want employer organised trips, extended weekend

AMMAN (Petra) - A survey conducted by the Jordan News Agency, Petra, on domestic tourism in the Kingdom has revealed that 80 per cent of the Kingdom's citizens take their families on trips inside the country, but nearly 96 per cent believed that the private and public sectors could organise group trips for their employees, and 88.5 per cent said that the weekend should be extended to two days to enable citizens to visit tourist centres.

500 people selected at random in various governorates, nearly nians spend less than two days on such domestic trips, and five per cent believe that Jordanians spend more than four days.

At least 46 per cent of the replies criticised the private tourism sector for not doing enough to promote domestic that hotel rates were unsuitable for limited income groups.

Viennese playing Mozart, a Czech playing Dvorak or a Norwegian playing Grieg in the case of Mr. Baekkelund,

make perfect combinations.

Amman's recital will include

works by Haodel, Moza#t,

Bartok, Schumann, Debussy,

Chopin and naturally Norwe-

gian composer Edvard Grieg.

An American critic, H.C.

Schoenberg, remarked that

Backkelund's interpretation of

Rachmaninoff . . . could be com-

pared to Rachmninoff's own!

What else can be added?

The survey also disclosed that 44.75 per cent of those polled believe that radio and television promotion of domestic tourism is insufficient and nearly 80 per cent believe that advertisement in the press promoting lourism was lack-

Twenty six per cent of those polled said that most people would like to visit Agaba, 21.75 per cent chose Petra and 14.45 per cent said that Jerash would be the most popular.

Some of the people ques-tioned suggested that special raies be made available for large families and limited income groups to encourage them to make domestic trips. and some suggested national campaigns to clean up areas near the archaeological sites and improve the condition of road leading to them. Other suggestions included that ambulances be available at tourist sites and that museums be built in various governorales to attract visitors.

# Norway's Kjell Baekkelund to hold piano recital tonight scribe, is present in the pro-cess, making the result particu-larly musical and beautiful. A

By Jean-Claude Elias Special to the Jordan Times

According to the survey of

AMMAN - Under the patronage of Their Highnesses Prince Ra'ad Ben Zeid and Princess Majda, the National Music Conservatory - Noor Al Hussein Foundation and the Scandinavian Ladies . of Amman, in cooperation with the Jordan Inter.Continental Hotel, have invited Norwegian paino virtuoso Kjell Baekkelund to Jordan for a unique recital. The maestro will per-8:00 p.m. in the hotel's bailroom.

Mr. Baekkelund has an impressive track record which is complemented by bis pleasant, attractive personality.

He performed with philharters like Wilhem Kempff for instance, played under the baton of conductors like Eugene Ormandy and Van Otterloo and won more prizes and awards than most talented musicians can dream of

Talking to the Jordan Times, Kjell Baekkelund showed an exceptionally open-minded view of music. Although he considers jazz

an interesting genre, baving participated bimself in such performances, Mr. Baekkelund said it is impossible to be a specialist in both classical and jazz, given the different playing techniques and means of expression.

He has studied and played music by great composers from many countries; but Kjell Backkelund believe that when a performer plays music written by a musician from his/her own country, a special touch, Impossible to define or de-

## S. Korean envoy praises Jordan's investment climate

AMMAN (Petra) South Korean Ambassador to Jordan Hahn Choon Lee Saturday said the Kingdom provides an attractive setting for foreign investments because of its excellent and developed infras-

Speaking on the eve of South Korea's national day anniversary, Mr. Lee said Jordan is far more developed than many countries of the region. He said Jordan and South Korea are closely linked through various forms of cooprelations has been continuing since the establishment of diplomatic ties in 1962.

Referring to the Kingdom's

participation in an internation al exhibition held in Seoul. Mr. Lee said the event, which opened in August and ends on Nov. 7, includes the participation of 112 nations and 33 world organisations and offers good opportunity for enhancing Korean-Jordanian relations by opening the door for further economic, technological and cultural cooperation.

The two countries last July signed an executive programme for the implementation of a eration, and the progress in two-year cultural agreement aimed at promoting youth, spots, cultural and other exchanges, noted the ambassa-

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## **EXHIBITIONS**

☆ Opening of an exhibition of etchings by Mohammad Omar Khalil at Darat Al Funun of the Abdul Hamid Shoman Foundation in Jabal Luweibdeb. 6:00 p.m. Also showing the permanent exhibition. Telephone 643251/2. # Plastic art exhibition by artist Hussein Daasch at the Alia

Caricature drawings exhibition by artists Mustafa Al Wawi and Ala' Tabash at the University of Jordan's Student Affairs Department.

# Exhibition of paintings and old manuscripts at the Royal Cultural Centre representation by artist. Fatch Moudarres at the

Baladna Art Gallery. Art exhibition entitled "Eastern Dancing - Entertainment in Spare Time" by Sigrid Bensemann at Goethe Institute. A The First International Festival of Fine Arts in Jordan entitled "Colour and Light in the Nabatean Civilisation" at the Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts in Jordan.

### DRAMAS

Thildren's drama entitled "Aladdin's Lamp" at the Royal Cultural Centre at 1:00 a.m. 

Centre at 8:00 p.m.

# Film entitled "The Body Snatchers" at the American Centre at 5:00 p.m.

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## History made with promise

THE CREATION of a Jordanian-American-Israeli working group to advance regional economic development has come as a result of yet another major breakthrough in the peace process that found expression in a tripartite White House meeting comprising President Bill Clinton, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

The meeting is indeed a landmark in the history of this region, but it has to be seen in its proper penmective: A natural extension of the Arab-Israeli peace process which started with the Madrid peace conference and resulted so far in the autonomy agreement between Israel and the PLO.

What is truly significant about the meeting is that it has produced a wider recognition of the need to construct a regional approach to development over and above the specific needs of the Palestinians.

The Washington donors' conference on the Palestinian dimension of the Arab-Israeli peace talks witnessed no less than 43 nations pledging a considerable, albeit insufficient, amount of international funds that will finance the birth of Palestinian self-government. By the end of the conference about \$2 billion was promised to bankroll the efforts to build Palestinian nationhood and institutions. Against this backdrop, the simultaneous meeting between President Clinton, Prince Hassan and Mr. Peres acquires an added importance since it has culminated in a greater appreciation of the need to expand the scope of economic support in order to reach other states in the Middle East.

In its own right, the projected joint working group is of far-reaching implications for the peace process. The group will certainly enable Jordan to participate more effectively in reconstruction and development of the occupied territories, something that many Jordanians and Palestinians would want to see happening.

But more importantly, the meeting opens new avenues for Jordan and Israel to reach lasting objective is to ensure stability and progress for the whole region.

It is less certain, however, that such meetings, important as they may be, can on their own usher the start of a revolutionary process in dealings between the Arabs and Israel. Reconciliation and the establishment of normal relations, will take time, since the peoples have to be ready for them first. Jordanians in particular will need to see solid progress on the Palestinian and other Arab fronts before they make fundamental changes in attitudes towards Israel.

Besides, Jordan, which has shouldered a heavy responsibility since the beginnings of the Palestinian problem, has to be assured that the world recognises its important role in pushing the process forward and has to address its legitimate concerns.

To this effect we can only welcome President Clinton's pledge Friday to work towards reducing Jordan's debt burden, which is partly the result of the negative consequences of the Palestinian problem. More needs to be done, of course, for the peoples of this part of the world, in order to ensure lasting peace and prosperity. But we are hopeful that a step has been taken in the right direction.

### ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

ALL THE Western nations support Boris Yeltsin against democracy and the Russian president's drive to oust the representatives of the people of Russia, said Al Ra'i daily Saturday. The Western nations consider Mr. Yeltsin's actions to be in line with a Western-style democracy and therefore they continue to support him in the face of the people of Russia, added the daily. We should not be surprised at this Western attitude since this is the kind of democracy which the Western countries believe in and since the Western nations are only interested in insulting the people of the former Soviet Union and causing further divisions among the Russian ranks so that no more Russian or Soviet empires can be created later on and endanger Western interests, said the daily. The events in Russia open our eyes to a big lie called 'human rights" and another lie called "world peace and security." continued the paper. It said that during the communist regime, the West used to launch attacks on Moscow for stifling the voice of the people, but we see Mr. Yeltsin following the same policy and trying with all his might and with backing from the Western nations to silence the Russian people's voice.

AL DUSTOUR commented on a meeting in Washington between His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, President Clinton and the Israeli foreign minister, saying that it came in response to Mr. Clinton's invitation. The tripartite meeting was required to pave the ground for a just and durable peace and to offer Jordan a better chance to present its case, said the paper. It said that Jordan hopes hat through such a meeting it can bring about a change in Washington's stand and force Israel to accept the idea of exchanging land for peace. Prince Hassan has presented the Jordanian case and focused the Israeli and the American attention on the need for a peace based on justice and peace tht can entail regional cooperation at all levels, including the future of refugees, economic cooperation and sharing of the region's water resources on equitable basis, said the daily. No protocols can bring about a just and comprehensive peace if the Palestinians are deprived of their rights, added the daily.

Sunday's Economic Pulse

By Dr. Fahed Al Fanek

# Lifting of economic boycott should not come by itself

ONE of the side effects of the Palestinian-Israeli accord is that the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) has provided tsrael with a pass to the entire Arab World. If the reason behind the Arab economic boycott of Israel was the recovery of Palestinian rights, it may seem unjustified after the PLO, the sole leginimate representative of the Palestinian people. decided to recognise the state of Israel, to conclude a peace agreement with Israel, to cooperate economically with Israel through free trade, the establishment of joint Israeli-Palestinian industrial projects and to form joint committees to reconcile and coordinate with Arab countries over multilateral issues such as the exploration of the Dead Sea, tourism, water resources, and the like.

This is not the time to pass judgment on whether the agreement was among equals or to show the imbalance between the exchanged concessions and mutual recognitions, or, for that matter, to conduct a cost/benefit analysis.

We embark from the assumption that the Palestinian-Israeli agreement is now a given. It is an independent Palestinian decision which we in Jordan have no alternative but to support. Dwelling on the shortcomings of the accord is not productive. We understand that the Palestinians went along with the deal because of the simple fact that Palestinians under Israeli occupation have nothing to lose even if the deal is not fair, which it was not, while they have a lot to gain if things

develop in the right direction.

The alternative for reaching an early peace agreement is the continuation and suppression, confiscation of land in favour of Jewish settlers and the possible collapse of the PLO itself under the impact of financial and political crisis.

The question then is what should we, in Jordan, do regarding the boycott, especially when the superpower, America, started to put pressure for an early abolishment of the Arab economic boycott of Israel, without waiting for the formal conclusion of peace agreements with the Jewish state?

It may be right to argue that the Arab boycott was imposed by the Arab League and could not therefore be removed before a decision to that effect is made by the league. This may

ease the pressure on Jordan a little bit, at least for some time. but it is not a sufficient response because the Jordanian position is more advanced nationally than the position of the post-Gulf war Arab League in its new role under Esmat Abdul

Meguid.

The league is more willing to yield to American pressure for such huge concessions. As without even demanding a price for such huge concessions. As a matter of fact, the Arab League secretary general is more in a hurry than America itself. He complained recently that no Arab state has yet submitted a request or draft decision to abolish the Arab economic boycott to Israel.

Of course it is absurd to be required to trade with Israel before we are allowed to trade with Iraq. It is equally odd for America to be lecturing against the concept of economic boycott as a means of defence against an aggressor while it practices boycott against victims such as Cuba, Vietnam and

We, of course, understand that a small country like Jordan cannot stand the pressure of the supreme power and that we have only logical arguments to support our point.

In our view, the early removal of boycott by Jordan requires, as a prerequisite, an early Israeli withdrawal from Jordanian occupied territories, an early division of water resources and early return of the Palestinian refugees of 1967 who opt for the return of their homeland.

Jordan has no cards to play against Israel except economic boycott, political recognition, normalisation of relations or unblocking the channel to the Arab World. We should not surrender any of these cards, even if specifically requested to do so by the PLO, except against answering our own demands and rights, which were officially acknowledged, explicitly or implicitly, in the agreed agenda between Jordan and Israel signed on Sept. 14, 1993.

If the United States is pressing Jordan for an early

performance of its peace obligations, it should pressure Israel for early performance of its duties towards Jordan. An honest broker should be even-banded and leave aside double-

standard practices



# Palestinians, Jordan plan economic integration

(Continued from page 1)

The official said a free zone area would be set up in the Jordan Valley in addition to guarantees for the free twoway movement of labour and transit of goods and the setting up of storage houses in the Jordan Valley for goods ship-ped between Palestine and Jor-

He added that the Jordanian public and private sectors would assist Palestinians in

building their infrastructure. "The crossing points be-tween the two banks will be expanded and probably new ones will be opened," he said. Other fields of cooperation include tourism, joint ventures,

Mr. Qurai said that in economics, "we know of no totally independent economy that exists, but we hope to achieve a strong viable independent Palestinian economy, and we have the necessary qualifica-

He said Palestinian requirements for a strong economy are at least \$12 billion in seven vears -- twice what the World Bank has estimated.

"With sufficient funds and if Palestinians follow a proper economic restructuring process, Palestinians can achieve an independent, strong economy in two years." Mr. Qurai

He said that overall investments required to achieve an independent national economy were estimated at \$11.6 billion for seven years in 1991 prices, and over \$13 billion in 1994

These estimates were proposed in the 500-page sevenyear Palestinian Development Plan prepared three-and-a-half years ago by Mr. Qurai's Tunis-based department in coordination with 61 economic experts from the occupied territories and 25 Palestinian and Arab experts such as Dr. Jawad Al Anani and Dr. Taher Kanaan.

The purpose of the plan was to counter arguments in the establishment of an independent Palestinian state would

agencies approved the Palesti-

nian plan as a guideline for

early 80s which said that the not be economically viable. Mr. Qurai said the World Bank, the European Community and other international

future development projects to he set up in the occupied terri-

The PLO participated in a U.S.-sponsored global meeting in Washington on Friday to raise funds for the PLO-Israel peace plan. The World Bank said the Palestinians would need \$500 million to \$550 million a year over the next five years for a total of \$2.5 billion or more. This estimate was based on economic priorities mentioned in the Palestinian

"We need \$6 billion in three years and \$2 billion/year for a period of seven years before we can have a strong independent economy," said Samir Abdullah, a member of the Palestinian peace team and a renowned economist, said.

He said that Palestinians estimated their needs by at least \$2 billion each year to enable them to reach the economic standards of other states in the Middle East region within a period of five to seven

Mr. Qurai said the World Bank's estimate, which is the guideline for the U.S.sponsored fund-raising effort, was short of our estimated needs, and not sufficient to build the damaged economy of the occupied territories which has suffered total dependence on Israel and was tailored to benefit the occupation's economic needs for the past 26 years.

Mr. Qurai said the Oslo accord's economic annexes allow Palestinians to gradually build an independent eco-

nomy.
"The accord's annexes stress the independence of the Palestinian economy ... economic cooperation between the Israeli and Palestinian economies is an Israeli admission to the principle of cooperation with an independent Palesn-nian entity," Mr. Qurai' said. He added that according to

the agreement, Israel has recognised the Palestinian economic rights such as equal utilisation of water, "but the process of achieving our full rights will be gradual."
Our water rights are 850

million cubic metres of which we are allowed to use only 120 million cubic metres. Our share will be gradually increased until we achieve our full water share rights," he

our right to build our indepen-

dent economy." He said Palestinian priorities for building this economy are the restructuring of the existing infrastructure which was set up to serve the Israeli occupation's economic needs and linking the Palestinian economy to that of Israel. The standard of living in the occupied territories is one tenth of that in Israel.

Palestinian per capita in-come is \$1000 in Gaza Strip and \$1400 in the West Bank, while it reached \$10,600-\$12,000 in Israel. The Palestinian economy makes up less than five per cent of the Israeli

Mr. Qurai' said among the Palestinians' priorities is the immediate setting up of the Palestinian economic and national institutions to efficiently administer the economy.

These institutions should be free from any bureaucratic measures and should be dynamic in order to activate the Palestinian economy and its structures towards development and growth," he said.

Another pressing priority is the setting up of public and private sector projects that would absorb thousands of Palestinian workers and unemployed labour. Fifty per cent of the Palestinian labour force is onemployed, he said, adding that Palestinians will strive for a free ec nomy which will depend o transparency and strict au sting in order to avoid corruption which would severely ruin aoy existing or emerging economy.

Taking into account some international donors' objections to contributing funds directly to the PLO, Mr. Qurai' said: "Palestinians will not be receiving cash funds to build their economy; instead foreign aid will go to infrastructure projects, supervised by the Palestinians." "We don't need cash money,

we need projects," he said. Mr. Qurai' said the European Community and the U.S. were in disagreement over the mechanism by which major donors can coordinate donations with both the Israelis and Palestinians as well as with the World Bank.

"Whatever mechanism is set up by the World Bank, Palesti-

nians should bave an active role and in its mandate," he

He said the PLO had set up an emergency authority which will supervise and coordinate development projects in the occupied territories with inter-national donors. This Palestinian Emergency Development and Restructuring Authority (PEDRA) would be based in the occupied territories, be

"PEDRA will become the World Bank's partner in supervising projects," be said. "It will determine the kind of projects the occupied territories need, and any international agency or company that will implement a project will have to be subcontracted with PED-RA because Palestinians intend to employ their own workers and to benefit from the technology in use."

He warned international donors against bureaucratie restrictions and delays io channelling funds to the occupied territories because "seriously damaged conditions in these areas cannot afford any de-

The PLO official said only qualified Palestinians and experts in all fields of life would be involved in the process of establishing and building the Palestinian institutions and interim government bodies in the occupied territories in order to ensure its success and continuation. "We will not have people running the show because of their contacts or past," he said, warning that the process of disengaging the closely intertwined Palestinian economy from that of Israel would be a difficult and gra-, dual process.

Israel's acceptance to sign the PLO-Israel accord, from his point of view, was to prevent the sudden and forceful untying of these links by Palestinians. "The Palestinian market is

the second most important market for Israel after the U.S., and the process of wrestling the Palestinian economy out of Israel's hands is a painful one; therefore it will be gradual," he said. He said the PLO considers

Jordan, in this process, "the Palestinians' basic partner, and an agreement with Jordan on economic cooperation is a

# Yeltsin drops bombshell on NATO plans to move East

By Nicholas Doughty

BRUSSELS — Russian President Boris Yetisin has dropped a bombshell on NATO just as the alliance had begun to consider whether it should move to the East by taking on some of its former Warsaw Pact foes as members.

Mr. Yeltsio warned Western governments in a letter this week not to expand NATO membership and instead suggested that his country and the alliance together could guaran-tee the security of Eastern Europe, diplomats in Paris have said.

While NATO declined all official comment, diplomats said the proposals could seriously hamper prospects for taking on new members and that they would infuriate countries like Poland and Hungary who are keen to join NATO.

"If this is right, it has really put a spoke in our wheels," said one alliance diplomat, who asked not to be identified.
"I think a cloud of gloom
will settle over NATO on the enlargement issue and you can imagioe what the Eastern Europeans will think about Russia guaranteeing their security, so soon after they got out from Moscow's shadow."

Ironically, it was Mr. Yeltsin bimself who put the whole issue of expanding NATO on the agenda when he said last month during a visit to Warsaw that it was entirely up to Poland to decide whether it wanted to join the alliance.

That remark sparked a debate in the 16-nation North Atlantic Treaty Organisation about whether it should now accept Moscow's former com-munist satellites who are now eager for membership and security guarantees to protect them from possible threats.

While NATO allies themselves are: unsure of bow far and how fast they should go oo taking on new members, diplomats say Mr. Yeltsin's comment in Warsaw had at least appeared to remove one of the obstacles to a discussion of the issue.

That is no longer true. Since the end of the cold war, NATO has refused to consider extending membership to others and has in-stead set up a "cooperation council" which provides di-

plomatie links with its former Warsaw Pact enemies. One of the reasons had been that moving NATO's frontiers to the East could upset Moscow and lead to renewed ten-sion between the alliance and Europe's biggest military

Diplomats said it was clear Mr. Yeltsin had timed his appeal to calm hardline political and military opponents who have always argued that NATO was an aggressive orga-

Mr. Yeltsin also seems worried that expansion of NATO would leave Russia isolated. Although he has said Russia would like to joio one day, that is not likely to happen.

The one bright spot, diplomats said, was that Mr. Yeltsin was obviously keen to include Russia in European security arrangements — something the West badly

Moscow is said to be particularly unhappy with Germany, which has been pushing the hardest to bring in eastern neighbours like Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic and for a decision to be made on that issue at a NATO summit in January.

Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev said in a magazine interview published on Thursday that NATO should expand its links to Russia's Armed Forces.

That would be much more important for the security of Enrope than a hasty expansion of NATO to include Poland or Hungary," he said. "Russia must not be isolated. The goal must be to integrate Russia into the international com-

But diplomats said the Russian position was ambiguous. As a democratic state, Russia knows it has no right to interfere in decisions about who joins alliances but it also bas a key security interest in

what happens near its borders. Moreover, the memory is still fresh of when Eastern European oations were little more than Soviet satellites, with hundreds of thousands of troops stationed on their terri-

## **LETTERS**

# Cultural spontaneity

To the Editor:

No one can deny the fact that Jordan is taking long strides towards a richer cultural life. This is evident in the-manycultural events and activities taking place in the Kingdom. However, one can feel that there is an important element missing: the cultural spontaneity. It is when such cultural activities are incorporated in everyday life that they become a spontaneous behavioural pattern and culture become a way of life; otherwise, cultural life will be devoid of roots, merely reduced to a kind of short-lived diversions that lack the power to interact with society.

Cultural spontaneity came to my mind when I recently, passed through a back road in the vicinity of King Abdullah Street, where the birds and pet market usually takes place on Friday mornings.

It is an interesting, though primitive market. Although it is unorganised and lacks essential facilities, it is packed with consumers and loaded with goods; it has a wide variety of birds, including canaries, hawks, pigeons, geese, ducks and many other species. However, it was not before long that the police came and ordered the bird traders to immediately evacuate the area because they were blocking the road. It is pertinent at this point to mention that this manner of

law enforcement, through the use of loudspeakers; regardless

of whether the situation warrants it or not, is reminiscent of

old-time practices in the most backward countries. It is high time that such markets be established, considering the cultural and economic values they entail. It is neither costly nor difficult to provide a place in Amman or in its.

vicinity for such an event to take place. These markets, such as those that exist in Paris or other European capitals as well as in some parts of the Arab World, are certainly interesting and might develop into permanent institutions reflecing wider economic, cultural and artistic aspects and attracting local and tourist interest.

Fayez Musa Abdul Nabi,

# Together for the truth

To the Editor:

It is with immense enthusiasm and absolute dismay that I write to you in regard to your article entitled "The arduous road to higher education" (Jordan Times, Sept. 30-Oct. 1. 1993); Enthusiasm because it is my belief that the article is long overdue and should have been published a while back, as this has been an ongoing problem in our society for quite some time. Dismay at the lack of professional journalism in the manner of the presentation of the article.

The writer has clearly failed in his duty to contact the other side of the story, in this case the U.S. embassy in Amman. Perhaps the writer had in fact attempted to unsuccessfully contact the appropriate officials at the embassy. If such were the case, then this should have undoubtedly been enclosed in the article.

I am an avid and loyal reader of your esteemed newspaper and such mishaps greatly sadden me. It is my hope that we can all, especially the professionals of this country, work together in presenting the true face of Jordan to the outside world as well as to the country's residents.

> Mona Mehregani, P.O. Box 7176. Amman 11118.

# Somalia experience makes Clinton gun-shy on Bosnia

By Gene Gibbons Reuter

WASHINGTON - The painful lessons of U.S. involvement in Somalia are making Presi-All in Somana are managed as he dent Bill Clinton gun-shy as he plans for possible American peacekeeping in Bosnia, the tinderbox of World War 1.

When he entered the White . House eight months ago. Mr. Clinton was itching to help stop the 17-month civil war in the former Yugoslavia, which has killed tens of thousands of

civilians. He had blasted former President George Bush for inaction.

But the reluctance of European allies to act more forcibly to end the ethnic bloodletting between Bosnian Muslims, Croats and Serbs and the quag-mire that entangles U.S. peacekeepers in Somalia is making Mr. Clinton, who has pledged up to 25,000 troops to a multi-naconal peacekeeping force, more cautions.

"I think that everyone involved in Bosnia is perhaps

more sensitive than was the case in the beginning of the Somalia operation about the dangers of it, and the need to have a strict set of limitations and conditions before the in-

> Mr. Bush sent 25,000 troops to Somalia in "Operation Restore Hope" last December to help a starving population caught in the middle of a power struggle hetween rival Somali warlords.

volvement occurs," he told re-

Some 4,700 remain, sporadi-

cally under attack from ourlaw forces, with no firm strategy on timetable for getting out.

Fifteen Americans have been killed since the mission began --- three last weekend --prompting increasing congressional concern that the United States is stuck in a quagmire.

The House of Representatives and the Senate, for example, have approved a non-hinding resolution calling on Mr. Clinton to seek congressional approval by Nov. 15 for keeping troops in Snmalia.

Mr. Clinton and his foreign policy advisers have laid out a series of tests that must be met before U.S. troops are sent to the Balkans: The peace agreement between Bosnia's warring factions must be fair and enforceable. Congress must approve the deployment and NATO, not the United Na-

peacekeeping force. The command-and-control requirement could be a problem for Britain and France. America's major partners in

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the operation. They have no objection to letting an American general run the show, but fear that making it a total NATO operation would let nich U.N. member countries like Japan avoid sharing the financial cost.

U.S. officials have also spoken of other pre-conditions, like requiring that a 'date certain" be set in advance for a U.S. withdrawal from Bosnia.

"There was never any date certain that was established with Somalia. What we're thinking in terms of Bosnia is that there would be a date certain," U.S. Defence Secretary Les Aspin said on Monday.

Asked in a public television interview how long the U.S. commitment would last, Mr. Aspin said: "I don't know — : year, two years, 18 months.

"I don't know what it would be. But... we, NATO, would undertake to do this for a certrain amount of time and then we would turn the problem back to the U.N.

Anthony Lake, Mr. Clinion's national security adviser. denies that the U.S. administration is attaching an imposs-ibly tough set of strings to American involvement in Bosnia to give Mr. Clinton an excuse to avoid a potential political nightmare.

"It would he a mistake to see this as an effort to put conditions on our participation in a that would preclude it," said Mr. Lake.

But the president's men are mindful that the assassination of Hapsburg Archduke Ferdi-nand in Sarajevo plunged Europe into World War I, and that tens of thousands of German troops were unable to pacify Yugoslavia during World War II.

"They would also like to keep Americans focused on health care reform and the rest of Mr. Clinton's domestic agenda, which could make or hreak his presidency.

Washington's agonising over rules of engagement for U.S. peacekeeping in Bosnia may be moot for now since Bosnia's Muslim parliament voted Wednesday to accept a peace plan for Bosnia only if "territory seized by force" is reDisgusted with politics, Russians yawn through crisis

By Alan Cooperman The Associated Press

MOSCOW -- Go out on the streets and ask Russians what they think of the standoff between Boris Yeltsin and the parliament. More often than not, you get a one-word answer: "Nadoyelo" - sick of

It's not just harbed wire, water cannons and flak-jacketed not police that have isolated about 100 defiant lawmakers in the parliament building, or White House. li's

disgust with politics.
"We're fed up," Otto Latsis. political commentator for the newspaper Izvestia, said Wednesday.

"We had several years of extreme interest in politics — I'd say unnaturally bigh interest. We're tired of it. People see that things do not get better just because now they can choose their leaders democratically.

"They see more politics, but daily life has gotten worse. They are really sick of it, really tired and disappointed," Mr. Latsis said.

Mr. Yeltsin's tactics have worked so far. Since he dissolved parliament Sept. 21 and hard-line lawmakers barricaded themselves in the White House, he has laid a severe but non-violent siege.
Police have ringed the build-

ing. Electricity, heat, hot water and telephones have been cut off. Defectors bave been lured away with government jobs. In these conditions, public indifference clearly helps the president. If the lawmakers are solated and ignored, eventual-

ly their will must break. One possibility still gnaws at Mr. Yeltsin's camp: that the lawmakers or their volunteer guards, desperate to attract attention and save face, could provoke violence by opening fire from the White House.

For many Russians, Mr. Yeltsin's decree dishanding parliament and calling new elections was less important than the sudden, early onset of

Over the weekend, they rushed to hring in the last vegetables from their gardens and pickle them for the long months ahead.

As snow flurries gave way to cold, wind-driven, rain Wednesday, Muscovites slogged through the streets with grim determination written on their faces.

They went to work. They went to school. They went shopping if they could stomach the dizzying prices — up 378 per cent already this year.

Except for a very small area near the White House that was cordoned off by shivering policemen, the capital betrayed no sign of crisis. Subways, trolleys, stores, factories, theatres, cafes and casinos all ran normally.

A few thousand mainly elderly demonstrators in a city of nine million people have rallied to the parliament's side. The only widespread passion generated by the crisis is the anger of motorists caught in huge traffic jams created hy the White House barricades. The general attitude is not so

much apathy as disdain.
"When two branches of government fight, both of them drop in public opinion," Grigory Pashkov, an independent pollster, said Wednesday.

"This confrontation has gone on for months too long. Neither side's arguments evoke much interest or sym-

pathy anymore."
Pushed to cboose, 50 to 60
per cent of Russians say they
favour Mr. Yeltsin and 15 to 20 per cent support the parliament. The rest are undecided, according to recent polls hy Mr. Pashkov and others,

What happened to the politically electrified Russians who opposed the August 1991 communist coup attempt and, before that, who rallied by the tens of thousands both for and against Mikhail Gorhachev.

"For decades we had been repressed. Politics had been secret, something only in the Kremlin. Then suddenly we were allowed into it. We could choose our own leaders, we could affect things," Mr. Latsis

"It was an extreme politicisation. It could not last."

# Syrian artist captures nature on canvas

By Ica Wahbeh

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Born in 1922. Fathi Moudarres was among the founders of the plastic arts movement in his native Syria. This accomplished artist studied in Syria and furthered his education in Italy and France.

His works have been exhibited in countries like Italy, U.S., Germany, Sweden, France, South America, ex-USSR, Great Britain and the Arah World. His latest acrylics, oils and

gouaches now grace the halls of the Baladna Art Gallery, where they will be on display until Oct. 6, 1993.

The nature canvases represent vast expanses under vast skies. Primeval colours - opaque greys, moted hlues and reddish ochres — are those of nature as it must bave been in times immemorial, chaste, untrampled by the human being. Vegetation is primitive.

wild, entangled, unattended by the destructive, orderobsessed, man. Mustard yel--low here and there gives zest and animates the still nature. One powerful painting, that

maybe should have been the first to watch, is that where sky and earth come together in a vortex of colours suggestive of the labour pains of creation. The tumult of genesis and the nehulous mass resulted exude sheer force.

In subsequent paintings the colours are sober, the ire of cooception is not entirely gone, the sun has not come to shine over the distinct entities that have settled down to their

what his country has done for him, does a similar rule apply

ROC officials think so and

are looking for ways to turn

Taiwan into a bigger donor of

international aid. That would

oot only belp needy nations

around the world; it would also

bolster the ROC's drive for

wider international accept-

coming a true "donor nation"

by international standards is

still a distant goal. Even

reaching a lower goal will take

help from the private sector,

donor nation" as one that

allocates at least 0.35 of one

per ceot of its gross national

The government has not dis-

ing \$220.4 million annually.

Even if the OECD standard

can't be met immediately, offi-

cials say the ROC, having

transformed itself from a reci-

pient to a donor of aid, wants

to share its affluence and de-

velopment experience with

are all-dimensional, even

though our resources are li-

mited," said P.Y. Lu, director

of the Foreign Ministry's De-

partment of Economic and

"Foreign-aid programmes

more countries.

annual GNP.

However, they say that be-

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known shape. The universe is different times of the year, the still angry, the skies overcast, it will take some time to accept

the new born. Blue, brick, grey, khaki pre-dominate, with a little purple dabbed to hrighten the images. beralding a more cheerful fu-

ture for planet Earth. On a simpler level, this group of paintings could be easily interpreted as nature at

semi-arid vegetation of the region represented by the reddish, sterile soil and the sparse species of plants.

Sketched nudes and human figures are interspersed with these nature frames, to become strongly represented in another section of the gallery. Ethnic (or military) figures, almost stylised, gain strength

and assert themselves as they become, from sandy pink and orange ochre, dark anil blue and sin, poppy red. Paired or in a crowd, the

rious faced, deciding the fate of the things to come.

Three figures in a bottle. torsos made up of faces, faces

figures huddle together, se-

more close to home, represent an image which could place this universal artist in the rejust staring at you blankly,



Two of Syrian artist Fathi Moudarres' works on display at Baladna Art Gallery

# Taiwan seeks to widen foreign aid

velopment goals and tailor a comprehensive development plan to each country.

Loans offered

Other than technology transfers, the ROC's International Economic Cooperation Development Fund, set up in 1988, offers low-interest direct/ indirect loans mainly to the national development projects of diplomatic allies and those maintaining friendly ties with the ROC.

The financial aid is managed by an ad boc committee of the fund, composed of top ROC officials in foreign affairs, economics, transportation, communications and banking. Thirteen such loan programmes, involving \$180 million.

have been processed.

A third major foreign-aid approach is personnel training. More than 600 technicians and managers from some 60 countries have come to Taiwan for training in taxation systems, the operation of small to medium-sized husinesses, bank financing and agricultural develooment.

Typical of Taiwan's aid proiect is a \$10 million compoterisation programme to help the Philippine government with tax administration and information management.

Costa Rica has received \$15 million in loans to finance small to medium-sized export businesses and to create jobs. Costa Rica's state-financed BES Engineering Corp. has also received \$333,000 to help develop an industrial export zone. Factories io the zone, to be completed later this year, will be available for sale 10 Taiwan investors.

El Salvador has received \$20 million and technical help to develop its power generating

On the private aid front, the Tzu Chi Buddhist Charity Foundation is providing \$773,000 in medical aid to Ethiopia and also has raised \$11.5 million for flood victims in mainland China.

Despite the government's aggressive efforts and financial strength, its manoeuvering room on foreign aid is limited by the ROC's lack of membership in many international



In July of last year, workers loaded 100,000 tonnes of rice aboard a cargo ship in Taichung Harbor in central Taiwan. The ship set sail directly to Russia, the first such voyage from Taiwan in more than 40 years, to deliver the ROC food aid to the former Communist state

formal ties with the ROC. "If we had remained in the United Nations, there are a variety of peripberal organisations through which we would have much more information about foreign aid," said Pat-rick Hsu, director of international affairs for the ROC's

has no access to their information about which nations need what aid. Without membership, it also has fewer channels to information about such things as global environmental protection, Mr. Lu of the Fore-

the Inter-America Development Bank in November 1992 and actively involved itself in the IDB's raising of funds to invigorate Latin American economies.

of Reconstruction and Development, the ROC offers low-interest loans to Eastern European countries despite its lack of EBRD membership. Officials stress that the private sector also has an impor-

tant role in foreign aid, espe-

cially in countries that have no

Even though Taiwan ranks among the world's top holders of foreign exchange reserves and is the 14th largest trading power, most of its wealth is in private hands. Moreover, the government's foreign aid activities are subject to review by the legislature. Therefore, the government

has been encouraging private enterprises, mainly small to medium-sized ones, to invest in Latin America. It has offered loan-interest subsidies of 2 to 2.5 per centage points. But only two applicants have taken advantage of these investment incentives so far.

Regulations revised

Regulations have been revised to expand the financial incentives to conglomerates. The Foreign Ministry has also proposed setting up an International Cooperation Development Fund, if the legislature agrees. The fund would be responsible for the overall planning of the ROC's foreign aid and would also encourage private companies to invest. Mr. Lu said. The fund would give loan priority to countries that can provide ROC financial incentives for ROC husiness investment.

At present, the private sector is most active through the emergency humanitanian aid and disaster relief provided by such organisations as the Red Cross Society of the ROC, World Vision of Taiwan and

the Tzu Chi Foundation. World Vision, whose primary task used to be executing local aid programmes with U.S. funds, is now raising funds from Taiwan sources for aid abroad.

In 1992, WVT launched a 30-Hour Famine Campaign to raise \$2.5 million for emergency relief in eight African countries. The campaign's popularity led to a second event in 1993, when I00,000 people participated in raising \$4.3 million to finance 2I relief projects in 17 African, Asian and Latin American countries.

Tzu Chi, which has 3.2 million members, is becoming an increasingly active donor at home and ahroad as are its branch offices in the United States, Canada and Japan.

These charitable groups, both religious in nature, are qualified to provide developing countries with medium-to long-term assistance. The Red cross, however, is mainly responsible for emergency disaster relief, during armed con-

flicts and natural catastrophes. Even when no campaign has been launched, some people and companies send the Red Cross money when they hear reports of disasters, said Mr. Hsu of the Red Cross.

He called for "privatisation of foreign aid," suggesting that the government increase relief funds to local and international charities. The United States. Australia and other countries have increasingly subsidized their private groups, he added.

Over the past five years, the ROC government has provided about \$117 million in humamtarian aid to more than 40 countries, including the Commonwealth of independent States in the wake of the Soviet Union's collapse.

Taiwan contributed \$12 million in monetary aid and another

\$10 million worth of food, hlankets and Other items to Kurdish refugees and other

victims of the war. "As time passes, our services have expanded to natural and human disaster prevention, precaution, rehabilitation aod reconstruction," Mr. Hsu

A best-case scenario would be for organisations like the Red Cross to provide emergency shelter during disasters, while others like World Vision and Tzu Chi finance the construction of medium-to longterm housing. The ROC government's role could be to help poorer countries strengthen their economies so they can develop their own housing

programmes. The private sector, which now offers humanitarian aid mostly in cash and goods, tries and who would should follow the govern- to do it," he said.

ment's example by sending professionals and technicians to needy countries, Mr. Hsu

Doctors, nurses and other professionals from northern European countries often go to African countries as volunteers. But in Taiwan, voluntary community service is something mainly for housewives or reored people, or is limited to after-work or after-school hours.

Taiwan has yet to set up a system in which a doctor or other professional can serve in a war-torn country for a couple of months without having his job or practice taken by others. Mr. Hsu noted.

"I believe there must be people who are attracted to such hands-on service in famine-riddeo African countries and who would be willing

### Government plans to set up 'economics peace corps'

The ROC is planning to form an "economics peace corps" to aid economic year. and industrial development in developing nations friendly to Taiwan.

The corps will be modeled after the United States Peace Corps, which targets for the peace has sent more than corps. 130,000 volunteers to developing countries in its 30 years of existence.

U.S. Peace Corps was founded in 1961 by Presiteers over-seas each year.

The proposed ROC ROC. peace corps will operate under the Ministry of Economic Affairs and seek not only to promote development in foreign countries but also improve the ROC's standing in the world community.

Ministry offices said theyn are in the final stages of forming the organisation and expect the ROC to send its first

peace corps volunteers overseas by July of next

The ministry said Taiwan had large investments in Southeast Asian countries and those countries are the most likely

At first, the economic peace corps will target countries which are considered friendly to Taiwan. Later, however, it will dent Kennedy and sends seek to branch out to less more than 3,000 volun- developed countries who may not recognise the

> The peace corps is seen as a long-term investment in Taiwan's future, the department added.

The department is working out details about training for the volunteers and indicated training would be similar to methods used hy both the U.S. and Japanese Peace

### Trade affairs. Aid to allies favoured

The ROC government is most inclined to offer official

TAIPEI — If a citizen is sup-posed to ask what be has dooe for his country, rather than agricultoral and industrial technology to power their eco-nomic take-offs and selfsufficiency.

"It is a kind of feedback to the international community for what we bave been given, said Mr. Lu, referring to the \$1.5 billion io American aid to the Republic of China on Taiwan in the 1950s, and early 1960s. The island used that aid to give it a start on its "econo-

mic miracle."
"We have to take a proactive rather than a reactive role in foreign aid," Mr. Lo

asserted. The government should take the initiative in evaluating the The Organisation for Econoneeds of developing nations mic Cooperation and Developand making suggestions, rather ment (OECD) defines a than taking ao "availableupon-request attitude," Mr. Lu added. Taking a defensive position, as in ordinary credit product to foreign aid. Currently, Taiwan's foreign aid is financing, can meao up to a year for processing loans for urgently needed development

below 0.1 of one per cent of its projects. Currently, 44 professional groups from agriculture, trans-portation, medicioe and other closed the exact amount of current aid. However, to become a full "donor nation" by the OECD standard, Taiwan areas are working in 32 countries, with 23 teams in Latin America, nine in Asia and would have to allocate \$771.4 other 12 in the Middle East million of its projected 1993 GNP of \$220.4 billioo. and Africa. Some agricultural teams have been at work for Reaching the 0.1 of a one per cent level would require spendthree decades when Taiwan

was receiving U.S. aid itself. After its departure from the United Nations in 1971, the ROC paid special attention to foreign aid in Latin America. where 16 of the 29 countries with which it maintains formal

ties are located. During the last five years, ROC foreign aid has become more organised as the government concentrated on quality rather than quantity. Beginning this year, the Foreign Mioistry has been sending factfinding delegations overseas to study the performances of its technical missions in different

The delegations will try to identify problems, define de-



organisations.

Red Cross Society. As a non-member of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, Taiwan

ign Ministry said. Still, Taiwan was able to join

Through the European Bank

husinesses with needed mate-

40 countries aided

During the 1991 Gulf war.

# ILO reports up to 50 per cent Palestinians jobless

employment among Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip rangers from 25 to 50 per cent. and per capita income is estimated at \$1,000 to 2,000 a year, a U.N. report said Fri-

day.
The report by the International Lahour Organisation (ILO) was released to coincide with a conference here Friday at which countries from around the world pledged nearly \$2

hillion for the Palestinian selfgovernment heing established in the West Bank and Gaza. An ILO team that visited the territories last March found sorry examples of why the Palestinians need this aid if the experiment in selfgovernment, achieved through an historie agreement hetween the PLO and Israel, is to suc-

The team found, for example, that a U.N. relief organisation advertising for eight

ceived 11,655 applications some 10 per cent of the strip's estimated labour force.

A major obstaele to any economic advancement is the lack of industrial employment in both the Gaza and West Bank, the report said. In Gaza, for example, it counted 1,710 husinesses that employ 7,039 people — but only eight of the establishments employ more than 50 workers Israeli census figures put the

population of the territories at 1.67 million in 1991, but Palestinians contend it's closer to two million

In any case, the population is increasing at a rapid rate -over five per cent in 1991, the ILO said. As a result, half the population is under the age of - presenting an even greater challenge for the future in terms of their employment and education, the report said. If current trends continue

"Over the years, the territories have become utterly dependent on Israel as a provider the Palestinian labour force of wage employment and as a

predicted.

source of the products they buy," the ILO said. The economic imbalance is

reflected in the disparity between per capita incomes in the territories and in Israel. In 1991, the last year for which figures are available, income was estimated at \$2,040 for the West Bank and \$1,250 in Gaza - compared to \$11,480 for Israel, the report said.

Unemployment among Israelis reached 11.2 per cent

## Spain launches'94 budget to combat recession MADRID (R) — Spain's 13.2 trillion pesetas (\$101.5 bil-

Socialist government has presented a restrictive 1994 hudget aimed at curbing the state deficit and stimulating investment and job creation.

The 24,000-page package went to parliament against a background of failed talks with trade unions and business on a social pact to fight the country's deep recession and surging unemployment, now more than 22 per cent of the work-

**Eeonomy Minister Pedro** Solbes told a news conference: "1993 has been a difficult year. economic recuperation did not occur. For 1994 the outlook is somewhat more favourable."

He forecast that Spanish business would feel the benefit of recent devaluations of the peseta and that investment and consumer demand would rise next year after falling in 1993.

But nnemployment would continue to rise to reach 23.4 per cent by the end of 1994, Mr. Solbes said.

The budget, which will not complete its passage through parliament until almost the end of the year, forecasts government spending to fall 1.3 per cent in 1994 to 16.5 trillion pesetas (\$127 billion) and revenue to rise 3.7 per cent to

It targets the central government deficit at 5.7 per cent of

gross domestic product (GDP), with the overall public deficit. including central and autonomous regional governments, expected to be 6.7 per cent of GDP, compared with estimates above seven per cent for .

The budget puts 1994 inflation at 3.5 per cent against this year's expected 4.5 per cent and economic growth of 1.3 per cent compared with forecast 0.8 per cent contraction in

Economic analysts, commenting before publication of the detailed figures but after the cabinet approved the final draft, saw the 1994 budget as more realistie than previous

"It looks reasonable - a lot better than some of the numbers they have thrown at us in the past," said an analyst for a major Spanish hank.

But economists also stress that success in achieving a tripartite social paet, with a wages deal at its heart, is at least as important as cutting the deficit. Progress so far, after several weeks of tough talking, has been minimal.

extended period will force clos-

# Libyan paper tells Arabs to move money to China

TUNIS (R) — A newspaper close to Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi said Friday that Arabs should move their finan-

cial assets 10 China. Al Shams (the sun). a Lihyan newspaper quoted hy the

official news agency JANA.

said the move should he

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"What a bummer! I'm five pounds

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JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arreid

Jumbles PUDGY GOING BICEPS OIVERT Answer: He hoped to make a big splash with the ladies but lurned out to be this—A BIG ORIP

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as sug gested by the above cartoon.

MERCHANT DID

accompanied by a trade, investment and cultural boycott of the West.

With Libya facing the pros-pect of further U.S. sanctions in its dispute with the West over the 1988 Lockerhie airliner bombing, the newspaper

"If we want to get out from the impasse... the truth is that the world's circumstances permit us one response only — turning our back on the West and going east to China... No to the West's goods, trade and investments, yes to China where there is no colonialism."

## **Buckingham Palace makes** £1.8m profit on visitors While the attendance was

at 312,000 is expected to grow

well over 10,000 a year for the

rest off the decade, the report

Some 100,000 Palestinians

work in Israel — but their

employment is repeatedly

threatened when Isareli secur-

ity forces seal off the territories

after anti-Israel violence.

LONDON (AFP) - Buckingham Palace made a profit of £1.75 million (\$2.6 million) from the 380,000 visitors who toured its rooms this summer. British newspapers reported

The palace, which closed its doors Friday afternoon, said it received an average daily attendance of 7,000 persons for the first season in which it has offered tours to the public. Visitors who walked through

19 of the 600 rooms paid £8 (\$12) a head for admission and spent an average of £7 in the

Newspapers calculated Friday that with 380,000 visitors. the takings would yield profits of £1.75 million (\$2.6 million) But the profits leave Queen

Elizabeth I1 far from the £40 million she needs to repair Windsor Castle, the stated aim of opening the palace doors. The castle was severely damaged by fire in November 1992, The palace has said it intends to continue offering

tours in summer, when the queen normally stays at Balmoral in Scotland, through

lower than the 8,000 a day the palace had expected, the sales at the curio shop were far greater than anticipated. Palace staff had to make

more space available to the

souvenir shop as visitors queued up to huy erown-shaped chocolates, tea cups, crystal glass and ties bearing the royal coat of arms.

The shop's turnover exceeded £40,000 (\$60,000) on some days, and could have been higher if supplies of certain items had not run out.

### Producers move to protect commodity prices

LONDON (R) — Commodity producers, only too aware that their main customers in the West will not or cannot help, tried this week to deal with the pain of low prices and over-

supply by themselves. On Friday, the world's leading coffee producers started an agreement which will keep 20 per cent of their exports off the market in the hope that prices

Earlier in the week the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) boosted its waning credibility when ministers agreed in Geneva on production quotas for the next six months.

The market was impressed enough by the OPEC deal to send prices shooting above \$17 a barrel, while coffee prices are almost double the 20-year lows they touched last year.

Coffee prices actually fell

quite sharply during the week, mainly on technical factors, hut traders said they were approaching a floor and the market was waiting to see how the export retention scheme

MILAN (R) — Loss-making

Italian carmaker Fiat SPA has

said it would ask shareholders

and investors for five trillion

lire (\$3.1 billion) of fresh capit-

al to steer the company out of

In one of the largest capital

calls ever launched on the Ita-

lian bourse, Fiat said it would

seek to raise 4.3 trillion lire

(\$2.7 hillion) through an offer

, of shares and convertible war-

In the case of both coffee and oil, market analysts have expressed reservations about whether the agreements will hold long enough to have a lasting influence.

There remain doubts about the viability of the producers' scheme," one senior coffee trade source said.

Analysts expressed the same worries over the accord by OPEC, which operates one of the world's longest surviving commodity pacts but is riddled with internal squabbles.

The need for producers to deal with the problems facing nearly all commodities - low prices, poor demand and high production -- was underscored when the United States announced this week that it was pulling out of the Interna-tional Coffee Organisation (ICO) after 30 years.
"The absence of the U.S. is

very damaging. I believe that if we want to have a healthy organisation and particularly a meaningful one, we should have the U.S. inside," said the Brazilian delegate to the talks, Valdermar Carneiro Leao. Fiat seeks huge capital r

The rest of the funds, to go towards financing Fiat's amhi-

tious investment programme in

new car models, would come

from an injection of funds from

corporate allies such as Italian

insurer Assicurazioni Generali

and France's Alcatel Alsthom.

to the erisis with a strategy

which is not just defensive but

with a programme of invest-

"The Fiat group is reacting

rants to stockholders.

Several consumer countries are shunning pacts with economie strings attached, preferring to leave prices to the market.

Some producers say the consumers may change their tune if production drops, demand

rises and prices soar.

Nearly all commodity prices have heen hit hard by the global recession, seen most elearly in the major nonferrous metals which are widely used in industry.

Copper prices slumped to six-year lows this week and other metals like nickel and tin hit their lowest levels for de-

Some rehounded towards the end of the week but dealers say that a lack of demand and record stocks — the London Metal Exchange warehouses alone hold more than four million tonnes of metal - paint a hleak picture for the shorter

The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the Paris-based think-tank for leading industrial nations, offered little cheer Thursday when it revised

ments aimed at ... not just

consolidating hut improving its

position in the market," the company said in a statement.

The depth of the crisis trig-gered by the slump in the

European car market was re-

flected in company results for

the first six months of 1993 showing the group made a loss before taxes of 966 hillion lire

(\$603 million).

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nomies - the United States, Nickel has suffered one of Japan and Germany. the steepest price falls and the Analysts say metals productop producer, INCO Ltd of Canada, plans to discuss cut-

downwards its growth esti-

mates for the key world's eco-

ers will still struggle when industrial economies pick up and output cuts look increasingly likely. For some producers, market prices which remain below production costs for an

Even gold has been unable to shine much after a glittering

### HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR SUNDAY OCTOBER 3, 1993 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

backs.

**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** Working out your over-all goals and objectives with the three Moon trines to Venus, Uranus and Neptune is especially productive today. Be mericulous, conscientious. Get out publicly this evening.

ARRES: (March 21 to April 19) A day to let your powerful perceptions come to the forefront since they can now indicate to you the manner in which you can best succeed in any project.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) An outside associate who is pret-ty determined to have his/her opportunity for you to show how well you can handle the situation. GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21)

There are some persons looking for you to serve their best in-

terests which will also be good for you to consider how this can best he made to work. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Think about the various recreations in which you wish to engage and set aside specific time

when you will be able to do this and make appointments. LEO: (July 22 to August 21) A time to delve deeply into all matters and conditions at you residence and decide a procedure of action whereby you can en-

hance harmony there. VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Think about the ideas that can best serve your routine

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nise them so they become a part of your daily existence. LIBRA: (September 23 to Octo-

ber 22) During today's quiet hours you can study and find oew and better ways to have more abundance and to increase your property value for the future. SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Now you have a day to get into the various things that mean the most to you of a personal nature and to go after them with confidence for suc-

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 : to December 21) A day to find out what friends and acquaintances are available so you will be able to make appointments with them and renew your associa-

Care Anne

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Your need for more support to gain the aims that most strongly pressure and acti-

vate you is strong now so look about for those able to help. AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) There are many worldly interests that are important to you as a bumanitarian Aquarian and this is the day to decide how best to express this

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Naw you have this day to expand your horizons and study. look into new ways by which you will be able to bring anticipated benefits to yourself.

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# **Peanuts**



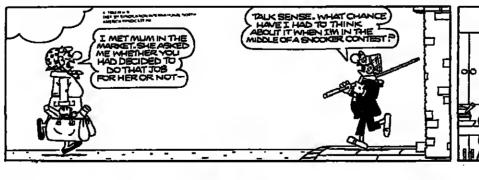




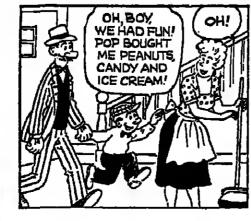




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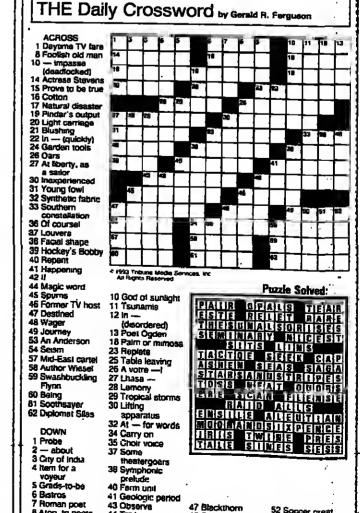


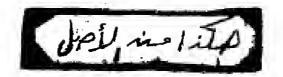
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# **Economy**

# to build gas pipeline

WARSAW (R) - Polish and Russian state-owned gas monopolists formed a company a joint stock company to build and operate the Polish section of a pipelioe carrying gas from Russia to western Europe, Polish officials have said.

Janusz Tokarzewski, a director at Polskie Gornictwo Naftowe I Gazownictwo (PGNIG) said his firm and Russia's Gazprom each beld 48 per cent of the Europol Gaz's 800 billion zloty (\$42 million) share capital.

Mr. Tokarzewski, a PGNIG director, said the remaining

four per cent stake belonged to Gas Trading, a Polish-Russian-German company controlled by the Russian and Polish monopolists.

The Europol Gaz should be officially registered within a few days and wil start off with designing studies." Mr. Tokarzewski said.

Under an August agreement signed by Polish and Russian presidents the two countries would cooperate on building the Polish part of a 4,000 kilometre pipeline carrying natural gas from Russia's Arctie north to Germany.

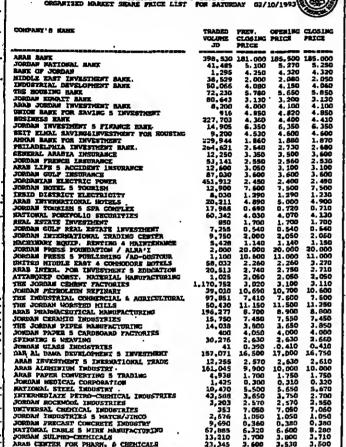
It is expected to carry about 67 billion cubic metres of gas a year and should be completed by 2010. Officials have estimated total costs at about \$10 billion and the cost of investment in the Polish sector will be about \$3 billion.

Polish officials said the first pipes would be laid in April next year and the first supplies of gas were expected to flow through the pipeline in 1995.

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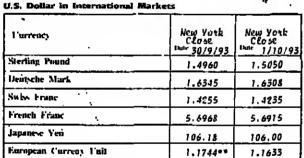
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# Poland, Russia form venture | Arab League urges members to pursue economic reforms

ABU DHABI (AFP) - The cover all sectors, including Arab League has urged its monetary stability, removal of members to pursue reforms to attract investment and healtheir economies, which have been smothered by decades of state control and mismanagement of aid.

In a study by its economic department, the Cairo-based league said such reforms bad become more pressing to achieve the long-sought integration among its 22 members and face competition from emerging giant economic

It said the reforms should

restrictions on currency exchange rates and capital transfer, improvement of the investment climate and upgrading management and efficiency.

"Arab economic integration remains the main pillar for encountering growing challenges facing member states in a world where the role of large economic blocs is increasing. it said in the study, published by the United Arab Emirates (UAE) semi official daily Al Ittihad.

"The most important means

for integration are attaining sustainable development and economic stability, boosting intra-Arab trade and encouraging domestic investment. Al! this could be realised through economic reform policies which will help achieve similarity in Arab economic policies," the study continued.

Several Arab states have launched reforms at their own initiative or instructions by the International Monetary Fund to revive their economies. which are suffering from large debts, slow growth, unemployment and low investment

mainly because of strong state control.

The reforms gained momen-tum after the 1991 Gulf war as oil-rich states in the region said they were now linking aid to economic reforms.

The Gulf move came after economic problems in most Arab nations persisted although they have received more than \$350 million in aid. remittances and other cash

flow over the past 20 years. From \$115 billion in 1985. Arab debt soared to \$152 billion in 1991 and debt servicing to \$16.8 billion from \$10.4 billion. A budget deficit in non-oil Arab states persisted. reaching \$7.3 billion while the deficit in the trade and balance of payments stood at \$16.2 billion and \$15.9 billion respec-

tively. But some Arab countries have reported improvement as they pressed ahead with economic reforms, which are concentrating on privatisation and investment. A budget deficit in Egypt was nearly halved while it disappeared in Syria and it turned into a surplus in Jordan.

Reforms are the only means for Arab states to activate their economies after massive aid has produced no results due to misuse of funds." said a report by the Abu Dhabi-based Arab Monetary Fund.

"Such reforms have improved the Arab deht situation, with the debt of low and medium income members declining by three per cent to 108 per cent of their gross domestic product and debt servicing to 18.9 per cent of their exports, the report added.

## German parliament approves holiday pay cuts

BONN (R) — The German parliament passed a controversial law Friday under which workers will have their pay cut by a fifth on 10 public holidays to compensate employers for the cost of a new nursing insurance scheme

The oroposal approved in the Bundestag. the lower house, means pay cheques will be smaller in months in which holidays such as Christmas. Easter and German unity day

Workers will be offered the choice of giving up two days' boliday instead.

The law is intended to compensate firms for contributions to a new insurance plan that will provide long-term nursing care for Germany's growing population of old people. The government savs

businesses already face excessive wage and tax bills and must be compensated to prevent the nursing insurance from undermining their competitiveness.

"It is a question of avoiding threat to jobs," Labour

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strikes if the law is im-

Minister Norbert Bluem told parliament. Unioos have ibreatened

tutional ehallenges in Germany's supreme court. The opposition Social Democrats (SPD), who control the upper house of parliament. plemented as planned from strongly oppose the new leg-

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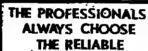
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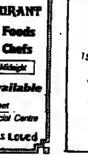
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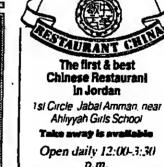


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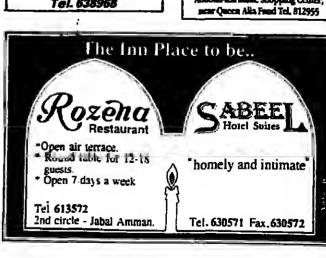
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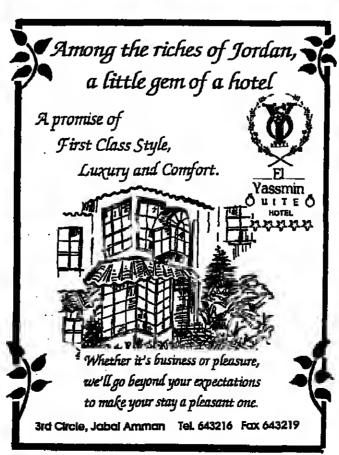
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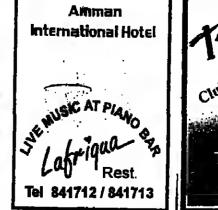












# Relief drive launched for survivors of Indian quake

UMARGA, India (R) — Indian army units used bulldozers Saturday to uncover up to 30,000 peoeple dead or missing after India's worst earthquake for 50 years as relief teams set up shelters to house the living.

Heavy rains around Latur. near the epicentre of Thursday's killer earthquake, temporarily halted mass cremations of the dead and efforts to search for survivors in the rubble of ruined homes, residents and police said.
"We can't even burn the

bodies," said Chandrakant Panchal, a resident of Latur. "The rains are so heavy that work has come to a standstill. Half-burned bodies are stink-

ing all over the place." Local police said at least 30,000 people were dead or missing in 73 villages in the disaster area. The estimate was based on a survey of affected villages and the number of families in each, said Bipin Bihari, superintendent of police for the Latur district. One local paper put the death toll at 44,000.

Sharad Pawar, chief minister

SARAJEVO (R) - Interna-

tional negotiators tried to work

out deals on two ironts in

former Yugoslavia Saturday —

one among Serbs, Croats and

Muslims in Bosnia and one to

allow U.N. troops to remain in

The U.N. pushed for agree-

ment to renew the mandate of

the 25,000 United Nations Pro-

tection Force (UNPROFOR)

peacekeepers in Croatia, Bos-

Croatian President Franjo

Tudjman bas held up the

agreement hy threatening to demand the removal of U.N.

forces from a rebel Serb en-

clave in bis country unless UN-

PROFOR takes more aggres-

sive action to restore his gov-

were ready to seek a negoti-ated settlement to the 18-

month civil war despite the

rejection of the latest peace

"We think the peace process

is still open," Bosnian Foreign

Minister Haris Silajdzie told

But Bosnian Serbs and

either the Muslims accept the

ance conditional on the return

of territory seized by force.

Mr. Silajdzic suggested that

the territorial questions could be settled through international arbitration by "appointed

world institutions." but did not

Bosnian Serb leader Rado-

yan Karadzic said he also

hoped to stay in the negotia-

tions, although territorial con-

cessions made to the Muslims

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Sarajevo Radio.

Bosnia's Muslims said they

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nia and Macedonia,

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Fears of renewed war

grow in Bosnia, Croatia

of the western state of Maharashira where the earthquake struck early Thursday, said temporary shelters were being erected in 50 villages to help supply food and health care to dazed survivors.

"It is a very challenging situation," he told reporters. We have not seen in independent India this type of earthouake in half a century."

As offers of help poured in from around the world, Mr. Pawar said he had sufficient doctors and medical staff to cope with the thousands of people injured when their homes made of large stones and mud toppled in on them as

they slept.
"We have 250 doctors and 1,000 nurses now in the area." said Mr. Pawar. "There is no need for more."

He said the government was focusing on providing shelter and potable drinking water for survivors, and medical help for the injured.

The second priority is 10 remove debris to find the bodies underneath." he added. A U.S. spokesman in

Washington said a military aircraft would fly to India Saturday carrying water jugs, tents and 2.6 million square feet (250,000 square metres) of shelter material for the

thousands of homeless. More than 25,000 troops have been rushed in to help rescue efforts in the area around the towns of Khilari, near Latur, and Umbarga, some 450 kilometres east of

Bombay. The daily Ekmat, a Latur newspaper, put the death toll at 44,000, explaining that its figures were based on information collected from the quakehit villages and the number of missing two days after the killer earthquake struck.

Police and rescue workers said so far they had collected around 12,000 corpses from under the rubble of thousands of destroyed houses. Relief workers said 73 villages had been affected, and it was impossible to know how many had died.

"It is difficult to distinguish between the dead and living at first sight," said one worker. "They are all lying in the same

Hospitals in the region are overflowing, with patients being treated outside.

Bodies were being hurriedly cremated in a race to head off outbreaks of disease. On Saturday, bodies lying covered in white sheets in the open air began decomposing.

Several aftershocks added to residents' worries.

"People were really scared. To make matters worse, there was no electricity, during the Mr. Panchal said. In Khilari, rescue workers

found some survivors miraculously alive. The Indian Express newspaper reported that three children, including a 15day old infant, were found alive in the debris of their All three children were un-

hurt, but their parents were believed to have been killed, the newspaper said.
Officials said Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao would

visit the quake-affected area The subcontinent's worst

Army personal search for earthquake survivors in the ruins of a collapsed stone but in one of the worst hit village in India (AFP photo)

earthquake this century was on May 3I, 1935, when 50,000 people were killed in the Quetta area of what is now Pakistan. At least 10,700 were killed in the Nepal/Bihar border region on Jan. 15, 1934.

India plans to resettle the thousands of villagers made homeless by the earthquake. the chief minister of the

TBILISI, Georgia (R) — Forces loyal to ousted Geor-gian President Zviad Gam-

sakhurdia swept into the Black

Sea port of Poti Saturday after

a lightning assault that the De-

fence Ministry said left many

people dead.

The attack marked a re-

sumption of open hostilities between Mr. Gamsakburdia's

men and government forces

backing leader Eduard She-

vardnadze after a temporary --

but unsuccessful - alliance to

stop Georgia's Abkhazia pro-

vince falling to secessionists.

A Defence Ministry spokes-

man said the "zviadist" forces

overran Poti in western Geor-

gia within a few bours, routing

government troops who had

only a tenuous grip on the port

"Poti has been overrun by

Lotti Kohaliya's troops," said

the spokesman in the national

capital Tbilisi, referring to Mr.

Gamsakhurdia's chief com-

mander. "There are dead and

The nationalist Gamsakhur-

dia, elected after Georgia

gained independence from the

Maharashtra said Sharad Pawar told reporters it would cost around 2.5 billion rupees (\$80 million) to resettle survivors from the devastated

villages.
"But the way the people of reacted, I am confident that we will be able to face the situation and overcome it," he said. Meanwhile, for the first

time in its independent history, India will accept foreign aid to help the survivors of the earthquake, a government spokes-

Sukhumi launched on Sept. 15.

nadze boled up in Sukhumi,

Mr. Gamsakhurdia returned

from exile to rebuild his stron-

ghold in western Georgia, an

ethnically distinct region

whose natives speak a separate dialect from those in Tbilisi in

Mr. Gamsakhurdia, son of a

famous Georgian writer, was

persecuted for his dissident be-

liefs during Soviet power and

Opponents who forced him

Since returning he has dwelt

from power accused him of

pursuing dictatorial methods.

on Mr. Shevardnadze's failures

in Abkhazia and the economy

to underpin his bid to return to

Mr. Gamsakhurdia has al-

ways been bitterly anti-Russian

while Mr. Sbevardnadze bas

tried to cooperate with Mos-

cow, a policy now in tatters after Georgia's defeat in

Mr. Gamsakhurdia's armed

supporters already controlled

large parts of western Georgia

and had been tightening their

stranglehold on Poti and on the

port of Batumi farther west

along the coast, for some time.

gives Gamsakhurdia greater

leverage over the Shevard-

nadz. leadership since it is a ITAR-TASS said.

Abkhazia.

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With his old eoemy Shevard-

Georgian rebels seize Black Sea port

ence from Britain in 1947 of relying on its own resources to cope with the natural disasters that regularely ravage it, bad not and would not ask for help.

the spokesman told Reuters.

man said Saturday. He said India, which has made a point since independ-

"But the government bas indicated (to countries which bave offered aid) that it will accept all offers of assistance,"

major delivery point for oil,

staples such as grain, and inter-

national humanitarian aid for

There was no immediate

word from Mr. Shevard-

nadze, who toured western

Georgia this week to review

Georgia's Internal Security

Service, denounced the attack on Poti saying: "Greater treachery and perfidy does not

exist. Poti is a point of great strategic importance and that is

why they attacked there."
Russia, accused by Mr. She-

vardnadze of playing a key role

in Abkhazia by backing the secessionists, denied Friday it

bad bad a hand in helping Mr.

Gamsakhurdia to return from

Grozny in neighbouring

Foreign Ministry spokesman

Grigory Karasin was quoted by

ITAR-TASS news agency as

also calling on Georgia's au-

thorities to do all in their pow-

ers to protect Russians, parti-

cularly servicemen, who have

been the object of individual

In the latest such incident a

counsellor at the Russian

embassy and his driver were

armed men in Tbilisi who

attacked their official car,

help bridge the East-West di-

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Irakli Batiashvili, head of

government forces there.

the whole country.

foreign tourists in Florida took a twist when two would-be robbers encountered ao amateur heavyweight boxer called "Chubby" by his mates back in Wales. Andrew Griffitbs, a professional body-guard, told police he knocked one man unconscious and the other one groggy before driving away from the robberv attempt in front of an Orlando store. "I'm certain one of them will require serious medical attention," said Griffiths, 28. "Apparently, he got himself out of trouble," Police Sgt. Mike Holloway said Friday. Florida's tourist industry has raken a hit from a rasb of attacks on foreign visitors. Ten foreigners have been killed in the past year. Mr. Griffiths had just left a bank and stopped at a store to buy cigarettes when two men asked him for a light and then demanded his money. The boxer said he came up fighting, popping one man in the face and delivering a kick and karate chop to the other. The visitor then jumped into his car and returned to his hotel. He didn't file a report with police until later in the day. Mr. Griffiths told reporters his family arrived in Florida for a two-week vacation on Sept. 24 and realised their rental car and hotel vouchers were worthless because their tour company had gone out of business. But the family of five obtained a rental car, checked into another hotel and hegan visiting the theme parks. They plan to go to Miami over the weekend, "I'd heard about the violence bere, but I thought, "what were the chances?" Mr. Griffiths said. "At this point. I'm thinking, what more can go wrong?

**Would-be robbers** 

ORLANDO, Florida (AP) -The plague of crime against

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### S. African edition of Hustler banned

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) -The South African edition of the U.S. girlie magazine Hustler has been hit with a court interdict for the third time in as many months, this time for offering money to local TV personalities to pose in the nude, press reports said. The magazine's first two issues had also been banoed for obscen-ity, although the local edition is much tamer than the one that appears in the United States. In its latest issue, Hustler invited six popular woman television personalities to pose naked, offering them each 100,000 rand (\$29,400) to bare breasts and 200,000 rand (\$58,800) to expose their genitals. The court, acting on a complaint from the women, ruled that the offer was "a gross invasion of (their) dignity" and rejected Hustler editor Charl Pretorius's claim that the offer was made in a "lighthearted" vein. The court asked the offending pages to be re-moved from the magazine. which it described as "coarse and obscene in nature... licentious, containing nothing of literary value and aiming solely to sexually titillate its readers,

### the Citizen newspaper reported. Strays to be pampered at

\$2 million shelter

MISSION VIEJO, Calif. (AP)

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- A dog's life will be pretty luxurious for strays living in the city's new \$2.3 million animal shelter. The shelter includes skylights, heated floors, paneled walls, showers, private water lines for each cage and a get-acquainted park. The \$329,000 yearly operating cost - \$129,000 more than the city. spends on a senior citizens community centre — is drawing fire. This is not an animal shelter. This is a very palatial, heated facility with fancy things it doesn't need," said Gary Manley, who ran unsuc-

cessfully for city council last year. Councilwoman Sharon Cody said the shelter should. lead to more pet adoptions, helping save some of the 200-300 dogs and cats put to sleep each year in Mission Viejo. "We have to get people over that stereotypical image of the. dog pound," Ms. Cody said. "I wanted a parklike setting because I thought it would be a place that families would come and sit and visit."

Appetite proves ceasefire in a second state-

ATLANTA (AP) — A family

## Sri Lankan troops destroy rebel camp, 120 boats

Monday.

at driving them out of the area in northern Bosnia. The U.N. Security Council Friday adopted a stopgap resolution extending until Tues-day, the UNPROFOR's expired mandate in former

In an attempt to meet Croatian objections, it agreed to warn Serb-led rump Yugoslavia of "serious consequences" if it continued to support rebel Serbs who have proclaimed their own Krajina Republic on captured Croatian territory.

Yugoslavia.

U.N. diplomats said this had annoyed Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic and he had threatened to pull out of the Bosnia peace talks in which he has played a key role.

Mr. Tudjman wants UN-PROFOR to disarm rebel Serbs holding the Krajina region of Croatia, but the U.N. says this exceeds its powers.

The Serbs were supposed to turo in their weapons as part of a ceasefire agreement that ended Croatia's war for independence and installed a U.N. peacekeeping presence in Serb-held areas

Croats stuck to a hard line -In the breakaway Muslim enclave around Bihac in north plan anconditionally or the 18western Bosnia a local leader called on people and soldiers The Bosnian parliament this to rise in defence of the area week effectively rejected the against troops loyal to the Bospeace package, dividing the nian central government in country into three ethnic states, by making their accept-

Fikret Abdic, selfproclaimed president of the Bihac pocket, said there had been an "intensified campaign of military terror against the population of western Bos-

Bihac declared autonomy Monday and Bosnian troops moved in soon after. They fired into the ground in front of demonstrating civilians but no one was injured and no serious

clashes have been reported. U.N. observers reported limited fighting in Bosnia Satur-day, but UNPROFOR spokesman Colonel Bill Aikman said

He told reporters in Sarajevo that a French soldier had been hit in the leg by a sniper near the French barracks in the Bosnian capital. A French armoured personnel carrier on Mount Igman overlooking the city was hit by a grenade and two soldiers inside

suffered damaged eardrums. Spanish troops near the disputed southwestern Bosnian town of Mostar were sniped at when they tried to retrieve a

# COLOMBO (R) - Sri Lank-

an troops destroyed a camp, pier and more than 120 guerrilsaid Saturday.

consolidating the area cap-tured. A well-fortified terrorist camp and the pier used by the Sea Tigers were destroyed,"

day's advance, it said. Troops, pounded by mortar combs, inched further into Tamil rebel territory in their thrust to destroy supply boats

diers, rebels and civilians have been killed since the government offensive began last Tuesday:

crossing points and boats. The

senior military officer in charge of the offensive said by telephone earlier Saturday.

"We took a severe beating yesterday and there was very heavy resistance. But things are much better now. Morale is high," the officer said, referring to. Friday's fighting.
The Defence Ministry said

Friday night troops had captured two major boat landings in the Kilali area used by the rebels to ferry supplies and men across the lagoon between the rebel-controlled Jaffna peninsula and the Sri Lankan mainland. Reinforcements were sent to

the battle front Friday as troops went into Kilali, backed by air force fighters, helicopter gunships, heavy artillery and naval support.

The officer said 114 soldiers had been killed in four days of fierce fighting as troops, esti-mated to number about 3,000, advanced 14 kilometres north of a base in Elephant Pass.

> Soviet Union, was chased from power io an armed rebellion in January 1992. His opportunity for a comproved to be a decisive Abkha-

poll, taken during Mrs. Clinton's promotional campaign for national health care in Congress this week, found 40 per cent of those polled thought she was smarter than her husband while only 22 per cent felt

Overall, 61 per cent gave her a favourable rating which was about the same rank as before her testimony on behalf of the national medical plan. which drew congressional

had no opinion. The poll found 47 per cent

believed she was qualified to

be president against 44 per cent who didn't feel that way. But a majority, 56 per cent, did not want to see her run for the cent who did and eight per cent who had no opinion.

But as far as being the ideal first lady, Mrs. Clinton ranked behind Barbara Bush with 39 per cent believing George Bush's wife came closest to the ideal president's wife. Mrs. Clinton followed with 36 per cent, Nancy Reagan with 11 per cent and Rosalynn Carter with seven per cent.

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The explosions, which blew out windows for blocks, caught

the remnants of late-night pubgoers as well as crowds of people heading home by subway. Police sternly ordered peo-

searching parked cars and garbage cans by flashlight. There was no immediate claims of responsibility for the attack, but it appeared likely to have been the work of the Irish

Meanwhile, a suspected IRA car bomb blasted a Northern Ireland hotel as the guerrilla group's political wing called for a new and imaginative approach to bringing peace to the province.

The 200 lb (90 kg) bomb exploded at a hotel in Markethill in the south of the province Thursday night, causing extensive damage but no injuries in a continuing campaign to disrupt tourism in the province, police said Friday.

### face of Europe. But Moscow was opposed to any "premature" changes and was prepared to take part in

saw the 53-nation Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) as the best vehicle for improving security on the continent. A ministry spokesman,

answering a question at a news conference, was unable to comment on President Boris Yeltsin's warning to NATO members this week not to recruit new members from Eastern Europe. But he said: "It is the

sovereign right of every state to ensure its security in any way, including through parti-cipation in military alliances." The spokesman, Grigory Karasin, said Russia understood that NATO (North

Russia, questioned on NATO, promotes CSCE Atlantic Treaty alliance), the cold war bulwark against communism, needed to change to take into account the changing

discussions on the future of the Western alliance and on the wbole question of European

"The security of Europe must be indivisible," he said. crisis peacekeeping potential on the scale of the whole conti-CSCE," he said.

"We are convinced that it is necessary to boost the antinent, in particular making more active use of the potential and possibilities of the The CSCE, set up in 1975 to

### vide, groups 53 nations from Europe, North America and the former Soviet republics. Mr. Yeltsin's warning, in a letter to Western governments this week, caused dismay and

anger among former members of the Kremlin's rival grouping, the Warsaw Pact, which had been hoping to join

The Czech government Fri-day shrugged off President Yeltsin's warning and made clear its ambitions to join the Western alliance were unaffected.

The Czech Republic has said that it aims to join NATO as part of efforts to integrate in West European economic and

security organisations.

### PHNOM PENH (AFP) onditions under which the roundtable could be held.

Cambodian leaders Saturday laid down conditions for allowing the Khmer Rouge to hold talks on their future under the new government, as faction leader Khieu Samphan left here calling preliminary discus-sions with the king a "success."

Khieu Samphan spent 24 hours in the Cambodian capital in which he declared he recognised the new constitution and the monarchy, and offered to integrate his guerrilla forces into the national army but not to lay down their weapons. He did not go so far as to recognise the government

Norodom Ranariddh and Hun King Norodom Sihanouk reportedly told him that his request to have an advisory role in the government would have to be discussed at the round-

table talks, scheduled for

headed by Co-Premiers Prince

November. "But just in case Mr. Hun Sen and Prince Ranariddh could not accept to have the roundtable, the king will try to bridge the gap and will make a shuttle diplomacy and have individual meetings." Khmer Rouge spokesman Kor Bunheng said.

In a letter to Khieu Samphan, the co-premiers outlined

Khmer Rouge recognises king, constitution

The radical guerrillas must recognise the new government as well as its constitution, acknowledge that they are a guerrilla faction holding discussions with a full-fledged government, and stop denouncing the new government on their clan-

destine radio, the letter said. "We consider the roundtable discussions very important, but before having such discussions, we consider that you must do these things," it

The co-premiers are currently in New York attending the United Nations General Assembly, but sent the letter Friday.

"We believe your excellency will not raise up again the issue of Vietnamese puppets... and will stop any inflamatory, separatist and bostile broadcasts opposed to the spirit of national reconciliation and unity because our beloved motherland has only one legal government and monarch,

the letter said. During the meeting between Khieu Samphan and King Sihanouk, the Khmer Rouge nominal leader told the king that the Khmer Rouge recognise the new constitution and the monarchy that it set up.

Khieu Sampban told reporters at the airport before boarding a Thai Airways flight to Bangkok that the talks were

But a faction statement said his positions were non-negotiable.

For the November talks Khieu Sampban said that the (faction) would not change from its two-point proposal already submitted to His Majesty's consideration: The formation of a national army including the NADK, (and) the (faction) representatives will have an advisory role," it

The official title of the guerrillas is the National Army of Democratic Kampuehea (NADK). "The (faction) will not ask

for more and will not seek governmental posts," Khmer Rouge statement said. The Khmer Rouge also reiterated their support for a

"The DKP (Democratic Kampuchea Party, or Khmer Rouge) wants to have a real ceasefire," the statement said. "To achieve it, there should be a committee to discuss detailed plans of the ceasefire and the principles of its control and verification.

# fatal for Biosphere

of pigs living in Biosphere 2 fell victim to their own large appetites and became pork roast. The two pigs - which were from Georgia - and the seven piglets they had while in the Biosphere turoed out to be too hard to feed.

### agreement were already being "I think our assembly will withdraw the concessions but fighting and attacks on UN-PROFOR troops were causing we will stay in the conference." he told Reuters Television as the Bosnian Serb parliament 'scrious concern.' started discussing its next move Saturday. "The (latest Geneva) package is very worth-

European Community (EC) peace envoy Lord Owen has said that resuming the threeway talks was an option, but he saw no willingness yet to com-

As he spoke, U.N. officials said Bosnian Serbs had launched a campaign of rape, torture and beatings against Muslims and Croats in the Banja

Luka region, apparently aimed Pyongyang drops conditions;

SEOUL (AFP) - North Korea proposed to South Korea Saturday that the two countries resume talks unconditionally next week on the crucial nuclear issue and on reconciliation after an eightmonth standoff, an official

spokesman said. North Korean Prime Minister Kang Sung-San sent a message to his Southern counterpart Hwang In-Sung suggesting that the two sides hold a working-level meeting at the border-truce village of Panmunjom Tuesday to discuss the exchange of special envoys, a

spokesman from South Korea's unification board said. Although Mr. Kang repeated the North's demand that the South stop putting international pressure on Pyongyang to allow outside inspection of

seeks new talks with Seoul its nuclear facilities and halt U.S. South Korean joint military exercises, he did not make the Tuesday meeting depen-

dent on the demand "This means that the two Koreas will resume dialogue for the first time since the talks were suspended on Jan. 25.7 the spokesman told AFP.

Mr. Kang said the North send three workinglevel officials to Panmunjom. The two sides have agreed in principle to exchange special presidential envoys to discuss ways to ensure a nuclear weapon-free Korean peninsula

for possible sanctions.

and achieve reconciliation. a Domino's Pizza parlor and a IAEA officials and South Koreans carlier warned the North Korean nuclear issue might be referred to the United Nations Security Council

### la boats in their push into rebel-held territory in the northern Jaffna peninsula, a Defence Ministry statement

"Troops are in the process of

Details of rebel deaths were not known and there were no casualties to troops in Satur-

and landing points, military sources said Saturday. Nearly 400 government sol-

"We have destroyed several

job has been mostly done but we still have a little more left. We are starting off now," a Mrs. Clinton seen smarter

than husband — poll WASHINGTON (R) - Hillary Rodham Clinton is believed to be smarter than her husband, President Bill Clinton, a new national poll pub-

lished Friday said.
A USA Today/CNN/Gallup

he was smarter. Seventeen per cent said they were equally intelligent, six per and 15 per cent did not know.

cent said neither was smarter

Only 27 per cent viewed her unfavourably while 12 per cent

3 bombs injure 4 in London LONDON (AP) - Three explosions rocked northwest London early Saturday, panicking late-night pedes-trians amid scenes of flame and

flying glass, police and witnesses said. Police said four people cut by flying shards of glass were ferried to the Royal Free Hos-

pital nearby. Chief Superintendent Tony Buchanan told reporters that police received a coded telephone warning six minutes before the three bombs exploded in the area of Finchley Road, a largely upper-middle-class residential district. about 12:25 a.m. (2325 GMT).

'As soon as officers arrived at the scene, they witnessed three explosions," said Mr. Buchanan, who noted that the blasts had "all the ballmarks of a terrorist attack.' A Scotland Yard spokesman, speaking in customary

anonymity, said the "relatively

small" bombs were left outside

real-estate office. A nightclub nearby was evacuated after the blasts, he said. The Metropolitan Police

bomb sound later carried cut a

Earlier unofficial estimates had put the death toll at 150, about 230 rebels and 40 civi-

zian secessionist offensive against the provincial capital of MOSCOW (R) — The Russian Foreign Ministry has said it White House against 36 per

was too influential as an activist first lady, 48 per cent said she exerted the right amount of influence, 41 per cent felt she was too influential, four per cent said her influence was too

opinion. between Sept. 29 and Sept. 30 had a margin of error of plus or

controlled explosion on a suspect package left at another point of Finchley Road.

ple away from the scene and roped off an area a half-mile square. Officers were seen

Republican Army (IRA).

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# Italian ace leads Cyprus Rally

NICOSIA (AP) — Italian driver Alessandro Fiorio punched through the first stage of the grueling Rothmans Cyprus Motor Rally Friday to secure a 59-second lead on the first day of the event, ranked among the top 10 in Europe.

Fiorio, last year's winner, is driving a Lancia Delta Integrale with Vittorio Brambilla as his co-driver

Second, behind the Italian team at the end of te first stage, was Antonis Jeropoulos, the 1991 champion, in a Mitsubishi VR4, followed by Bagheera of Lebanon in Lancia Delta Integrale.

Before all the cars were off the ramp outside the Nicosia Museum two British teams of the initial 92 entries from 11 countries droped out.

Jimmy McRae's Ford Saphire Cosworth caught fire, but he and co-driver Ian Grindrod bailed out unhurt. Alistair MeRae and co-driver David Senior decided not to take any risk, and dropped out when they found oil from the gearbox began leaking onto the hot exhaust of their Subaru

Two other British teams of the original six failed to make it through the first stage and a team from Jordan went out with a broken gearbox.

That left 87 cars in the race that will cover 973 kilometres (978 miles) in four legs. The route includes 368 kilometres (230 miles) in 22 special stages on gravel-covered narrow. twisting mountain roads designed to test both drivers and

# JBF International Basketball Tournament Bulgaria's Himik defeat Jordan

By Aleen Bannayan Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Bulgaria's Himik Club Saturday scored their third straight win by overcoming Jordan's national team 112-101 on the fourth day of the International Basketball Tournament organised by the Jordan Basketball Federation (JBF).

The atmosphere at the Sports Palace was that of disappointment, to say the least, as players, officials and fans of the Kingdom's team, who had beaten Iraqi cham-pions Al Naft 83-76 Friday after losing to Lebanon's Al Hikmeh 85-74 on the opening day, had voiced hope that the team would overcome its shortcomings and fight for an advanced standing in the championship.

However that was not the case. The Bulgarian team's agility was no match, even to the most seasoned players of the Jordanian team, who were given a rest in the second half of the match,

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Himik now lead the standmgs in the championship, which comes amid the Jordanian team's preparations for the Asian Basketball Championship, due to be held in Jakarta, Indonesia Nov. 12-

In an earlier match Saturday Iraq's Al Talaba scored a last-minute 78-77 win over Lebanon's Al Hikmeb.

Jordan's match against Himik, attended by a sparse crowd of around 300 fans, was close at the beginning. Jordan led 7-2 and scoring remained close before both teams tied at 21-21. Himik began to expand their lead at to 41-39 but Himik successfully widened their lead, easily penetrating Jordan's de-fence to widen the gap to 52-41. Hilal Barakat scored for Jordan as the team lacked



Jordan's national team

offensive rebounding. Himik won the first half 58-47.

Jordan's Coach Alexander Sasha substituted the basic line-up to include younger, faster players like Mohammad Al Shamali and Ziyad Nabulsi. The gap was narrowed to 69-62, but after two successive three-pointers Himik again led 76-62 and

As the well-known Murad and Hilal Barakat, Naser Bushnaq, Marwan Ma'touq and Yousef Zaghlonl sat out. Samir Murqus joined the relatively less-experienced Muntaser Abultayeb, Jibad Saliba: Marwan Al. Saecdi. Shamali and Nahulsi. Himik continued to score as the Jordanian team

seemed to lose their fighting spirit and surrendered to defeat. The visiting team led 91-74 and 100-78 before Abnltayeb and Shamali put up a good effort trying to minimise the difference to 107-92. Saeedi rebounded and Shamali scored to lessen the gap as Himik clinched the win I12-I0I.

Moscow's CSKA were to meet Iraq's Al Naft In Saturday's late match. Al Hikmeh play Himik and Al Naft meet Al Talaba Sun-

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Hikmeh	3	1	2	234	242	4
Jordan	3	1	2	258	273	4
Talaba	3	Ī	2	229	303	4
Naft	2	_	2	166	176	2

**STANDINGS** 

# Short seeks first victory in chess match

LONDON (R) - Briton Nigel Sbort will use the advantage of the white pieces and first move to try to breach the defences of world chess champion Garry Kasparov in the 12th game of their title match Saturday.

Kasparov leads the 24-game series 8-3 with five wins and six draws, and needs only a 12-12 tie to retain the crown. Outright victory means a 5/8 share

London newspaper.
There is an added psychological incentive for Short to win as the first half of the series comes to a close, with Kasparov still not having tasted de-

But Sbort has enjoyed his best week so far, scoring two draws from two games, and

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In 1898, the Merrimac, a coalcarrying vessel, was sunk in Santiago Harbor in an attempt to block the
Spanish flast The arminelant testing Spanish fleet. The equivalent tactic over the green baize is aptly named the Merrimac Coup, in which an unsupported high card is led to

knock out an entry.
With a slightly unbalanced hand, North might have elected to define the holding better by rebidding of the £1.7 million (\$2.5 million) purse from the Times of

three clubs. That might have resulted in a contract of four hearts, unbestable as the cards lie. However, it

beatable as the cards lie. However, it required spectacular defense to defeat the no-trump game.

Faced with no appealing alternative, South elected to win the first club in dummy to take a heart finesse. That proved to be a waste of time when West won the king. It might seem automatic to continue with another club, but look what would happen. Declarer would win, cash the ace of hearts and clear the spit. The most the defenders could suit. The most the defenders could then do would be to bank two club tricks. Eventually, declarer would take the diamond finesse and score two spades, three hearts, two dismonds and two clubs—nine tricks in

After considerable thought, West After considerable thought, West emerged with a spectacular defense—the king of diamonds, the Merrimac Coup! That gave declarer three diamond tricks, but only eight tricks in all, for if declarer captured the king with dummy's are there would be no entry to the good hearts. Holding up the acc would be equally futile. Either a diamond continuation or a return to clubs. ation or a return to chibs would allow the defense to prevail.

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having generated chances to win playing both with white and black.

Short's last game with the advantage of the first move led to his nearest miss so far, with Kasparov surviving a completely lost position after Short lost concentration in time trouhle, having only seconds per move to avoid a loss by forfeit.

Kasparov, 30, whose play has become punctuated with grave oversights, confirmed reports that the strain of constant complicated battles had left him fatigued, but felt that Short was showing signs of

weariness as well. Short, 28, insists he is still in good form, and appeared to be cheerful and energetic after Thursday's game.

Many grandmasters were mystified about Kasparov's appearance after the 11th game. Normally fit and energetic, Kasparov was listless and subdued, sitting slumped in his chair, fatigue showing in his swollen eves. Experts speculate Kasparov

may adopt a more conservative approach when defending the black pieces in the next game. Kasparov's provocative defensive strategy has led to com-plex games with Short consistently creating winning

Although Kasparov has scored well with this risky strategy - four draws and one win — many of his positions have been catastrophic, and experts feel he could be pushing his luck with further sharp play.



Khakhaleichvili of Georgia in the World Judo Championships

## World Judo Championships Douillet wins world title

HAMILTON (R) — Frenchman David Douillet upset Olympic champion David Khakhaleichvili to win the over-95 kilogramme title at the World Judo Championships Thursday.

Douillet hurled the powerful Georgian to the mat to win the seventh world judo title in French history and the nation's first ever in the heavyweight

Khakhaleichvili, who defeated the 24-year-old Frenchman in the European Championships final in Athens in May, tried to block an attack from the Frenchman and then counter him.

But Douillet continued the Uchimata (inner thigh throw) to score a Wazari (desicive knockdown).

"The opening was there and I seized it. It makes all the training worthwhile. I just hope my two children will be watching it on television,"

On a day when the sport, failed to get any medal in either of the men's two

BEIRUT (AFP) — The Lebanese ereator of a

Monopoly-style board game

based on civil war has offered the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) the international

rights to his invention in which

militiamen fight and get rich

illegally. Nagi Tueni told AFP his

board game, called Civil War, had "educational value" which

can show children that civil

wars only serve to help leaders

will refuse to fight in the fu-

ture," Tuem said.
"The game will help fight wars by showing what wars are really all about. It's about pre-

vention, like inoculations.'

"I got the idea to offer UN-

ICEF the rights to the game

after seeing pictures of chil-

dren in Somalia and in the

former Yugoslavia," he said. Tueni has offered UNICEF

the exclusive right to distribute and sell the game worldwide

"and in all languages." He said

he was awaiting a reply.

Around 1,500 English and
French copies of his board

game, a cynical version of the

world-famous Monopoly, bave

Four people, representing

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four militias, can play the game. The aim is to get rich by

sold in Lebanon alone.

"Knowing this, the young

"fill their pockets."

Tueni said.

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offered to UNICEF

categories, Antal Kovacs of Hungary took the under-95 kg title to add to the Olympic title be won in Barcelona.

Kovacs fought superbly all day with his sudden leg-grabs and, in the final, cleanly threw Brazil's Aureli Miguel, the 1988 Olympic champion, for Ippon (full point).

Kovacs had earlier beaten Stephane Traineau of France,

the 1991 world champion.
Seventeen-year-old Anno
Noriko just failed to bring
Japan their first women's world judo gold in nine years, succumbing to Johanna Hagn of Germany in the final of the women's over-72 kg category.

Anno fought aggressively but Hagn won with a desperate monoeuvre 12 seconds from the end for a Koka which denied the Japanese their first women's gold since Kaori Yamaguchi took the 52-kg title

China's Chun Hui Leng took the gold in the women's under-Japanese, the inventors of the . 72 kg class, with a last-second throw on Kate Howey of Britain.

any method in order to set up

military units that will in turn

and ransom collected from the

replace the regular army.

during their thrilling bout here.

A win then would mean a

Park.

during the early rounds of his third attempts to get a world title. But the new leader of the pack proved 32-year-old Bruno

to be long in the tooth.
Once jolted into action. Lewis made his youthful power triumph, by the seventh round, Bruno could hardly see and the

The methods offered hy Civil War include the smuggling of cigarettes and alcohol, the imposition of illegal taxes contemplating his future, but he earned his tribute from

abduction of foreign hostages

— practices widely used by
secular and religious militias

during Lebanon's civil war. "We have known everything here. If only it could serve as a lesson to the children of other countries," Tueni said.

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# Relief for Europe's soccer elite

GENEVA (AFP) - The three - Wenger. "Even though things lavourites for the European Champions Cup — AC Milan. Barcelona and Manchester United - were pitted against weak opponents in the second round draw made here Friday.

Milan travel to Copenhagen. Johan Cruyff's Spaniards host FK Austria and even Manchester United cannot have too many complaints about facing the Turks of Galatasaray. However. Milan will have to

improve on a dismal performance against Swiss minnows Aarau last month, and their 1-0 win on aggregate probably will not have the Danes quaking in their boots. Barcelona need to avoid the

go down 3-1 10 Dynamo Kiev. nut their dazzling anacking football of the second leg is fairer assessment of such a talented side. Certainly, they will not be expected to repeat last season's

sort of blunder which saw them

shock exit in the second round at the hands of CSKA Mos-Man United face a club who reached the quarter-finals in 1969-70, but didn't exactly des-

Alex Ferguson will never-theless need to take a decisive lead with him from Old Trafford to the second leg, for as the English national squad have discovered, winning in Turkey is no easy feat.

troy Cork City in the first

banned Cup holders Olympi-que Marseille, take on Steaua

Monaco, who are replacing

"It should be fairly even," said Monaco coach Arsene

look a little more difficult hecause we are at home first. "We'll go and see the Roma-

nians in action this weekend. but they are technically a good side with players who are good at short passes." Werder Bremen will be

looking to show Glasgow Rangers where they went wrong against Levski Sofi. The hardest game is likely to be Holland's Feyenoord against FC Porto. The Dutchmen got a tougher draw than their comnatriots in the European Cup Winners' Cup.

Ajax Amsterdam drew Turkish side Besiktas, while holders Parma can consider themselves highly fortunate to be at home to Israel's Maccahi

Arsenal can be satisfied with a Highhury first leg againsi Standard Liege, even though the Belgians hammered Cardiff city 8-3 in the first round. Aberdeen will not be celebrating their trip to Torino, but Paris St Germain were clearly

delighted not have drawn the Scottish menace. PSG President Michel Denisot said: "Universitatea Craiova is a fair draw for us we were really worried about getting Arsenal or Aberdeen. That said, we'll have to be

second leg in Romania."
Real Madrid may not feel the same way about the mountain men from Tyrol Innshruck, whose main aim will

careful, especially in the

be to limit the damage.

However, the lucky clubs should spare a thought for the

down. I knew my speed would

ability that he even wants to

take on Mike Tyson, the fallen

champion now serving a rape

"If Tyson is freed in reason-

able time, I'll stay to fight him.

I don't want to leave any

doubts about who was the best

fighter of the 90s, especially in

Bruno, who was stopped by

Tim Witherspoon in 1986 in

1989, was also magnaminous in

"I am not going to make excuses," he said, "He beat me

The British veteran, who

like a man. Fair and square.'

carned \$1.5 million, added that

my own mind," he said.

Lewis is so confident of his

thing in the competition." Holders Juventus face Kongsolvinger of Norway, while Inter Milan should have the beating of Cypriots Apollon Limas-

English sides who have made

such a bright start in the

UEFA Cun. Norwich Cuy have drawn

Bayern Muttich and Aston Vil-

la face the reveiation of the

Spanish League for th past two

seasons. Deportivo La Coru-

Bayern, three-times Euro-

pean Cup Winners, crushed

Dutch side Twente Enschede

7-5 on aggregate (4-3 away, 3-0

at home) in the first round.

ger than Bayern. said Nor-wich manager Mike Walker.

fans' imagination.

Their visit will capture the

"Bayern have some world-

class players and a great repu-

lation. This realty brings it

home to us that we are in

Europe. You've got to meet

these son of teams at some

stage if you want to do any-

They don't come much big-

Celtic start the second round at home to Sporting Lisbon. lining up a nostalgic return for ex-England Manager Bobby Robson, now Sporting's coach.

to Bruish football. The two clubs met at the same stage of the same competition 10 years ago. Celtic lost 2-0 in Lisbon but won 5-() a: Parkhead.

Paul Gascoigne's Lazio al ka face a Boavisia of Ponuga'... The first legs of each co rnpetition are scheduled for October 20 and the second legs

"I'm not too sure a bout my

future." he said. Marre observers helieve he will harry up his

gloves in a ten moralis. But Bruno will have gone out with

a bang against an opponent

who pursued three times as

He troubled Lewis in the

first round, dazed him in the

second with a right hook and

forced the champion to weath-

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round with another big over-

Lewis staggered back to the

ropes. He had to hang on

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# Lewis' power sinks Bruno

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tell in the end.

CARDIFF (AFP) — Lennox Lewis admitted Sanırday that Frank Bruno had temporarily threatened his ambition of becoming the boxer of the 1990s

But after stopping Bruno in the seventh round to keep his World boxing Council heavyweight title, Lewis announced that the next stage of his dream will be against World Boxing Organisation champion Tommy Morrison in Las Vegas next March 5.

clash with Riddick Bowe to see who is undisputed world champion would be inevitable. But he has some doubts to clear up. Lewis was behind on points

when Britain's fight of the de-cade was settled in front of 30,000 people at Cardiff Arms Bruno fought like a tiger

referee had to stop in to stop a slaughter.
The popular folk hero is now

"Bruno was a lot tougher than I expected. He did his homework." said the cham-

pion who has now won 20 of his 24 fights inside the limit. "It took me a while to get started. I was cold and he was warmer. But I knew as the

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Rolf Ekeus, the head of the U.N. Special Commission for Disarming Iraq (UNCOM) met Deputy Prime Minister Tareo Aziz and other senior officials to discuss long-term arms controls.

The session lasted an hour and the two parties will meet a second time Saturday night," a U.N. spokesman here told

Another senior weapons expert. Maurizio Zifferero of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). also took part in the negotiations led by Mr. Ekeus, he said.

On arrival Friday, Mr. Ekeus said he hoped to establish a long-term monitoring system for Iraq's weapons of mass destruction but that he expected the talks to be "com-

Mr. Ekeus, a Swede who is accompanied by two U.N. colleagues to resume negotiations which began in July in New York, voiced hope his mission would be successful.

The government newspaper Al Jumhuriya on Saturday said that the U.N.-Iraq negotiations were "important and de-

The daily said the talks should lead to "the implementation of Article 22 of U.N. Security Council Resolution 687 which calls for the lifting of the embargo" imposed following Iraq's August 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

Al Jumhuriya urged Mr. Ekeus to take into consideration "the suffering of the Iraqi people and the serious (economic) consequences" of the

By Sana Atiyeh

Special to the Jordan Times

MARKA — The State Secur-

ity Court prosecution con-

cluded its case Saturday

against 10 men accused of con-

Husziein. The final piece of

evidence the prosecution sub-

mitted was documents to which

the defence objected, saying

they were not included in the

formal communications be-

tween government depart-

ments with which prosecutor

Muhannad Hijazi sought to

establish that all legal proce-

dures were followed in the

arrest, detention and inter-

Defence lawyers argued that

they had not been provided

with the documents and moved

that the court should not

The court took a one-hour

recess to allow the defence to

look at copies of the docu-

ments hefore ruling to enter

The defence also refused to

allow the defendants to testify

in court and demanded

"enough time" to prepare for

the defence case. Lawyers jumped to their feet in objec-

tion when Presiding Judge Col-

onel Hafez Amin asked the

first defendant to stand up to

In a 10-minute hargaining

with the defence. Col. Amin

allowed eight days for the de-

fence to prepare its case. The defence asked for a three-week

delay, while the court insisted it could not afford more than

week for every month the pro-

secutor had to prepare his

case," defence attorney Jawad

Younis told the court. "That

would be six weeks, but all we

Col. Amin, however, in-

sisted that the defence had

already had time to prepare its

case and said he was delaying

other cases because of the

want is half of that time."

"All we are asking is one

accept them as evidence.

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indictment

The daily said that the sanctions had adversely affected 20 million Iraqis, hut according to the latest official census, the Iraqi population stands at 18

Al Jumhuriya said Iraq was serious about resolving the issue tonce and for all. "The current round of talks is decisive and important," it

"It bas been agreed ... that it will end with a declaration on closing the file of banned weapons for good.'

A team of more than 50 U.N. inspectors is in Iraq for what is described as its most comprehensive effort yet to reveal the remaining secrets of

Iraq's weapons programmes. The U.N. demands that Iraq provide a full list of its former arms suppliers and accounts of its past weapons programmes. Iraq has promised to do so

but demands in return a pledge from the Security Council to consider lifting the sanctions. This is what we hope from Mr. Ekeus, who is quite knowdgeable about the human

suffering of the Iraqi people, Al Jumhuriya said. Mr. Ekeus has promised to

recommend that the council lifts the embargo on Iraqi oil exports once his commission certifies Baghdad has honoured its arms-controls commitments under Gulf war ceasefire resolutions. The U.N. expects "satisfac-

tory" answers to questions it presented to the Iraqis during an inconclusive round of arms talks held in New York last

Iraq rejected a joint statement by the United States. Britain, France and Russia handed to its U.N. envoy last week in which the four countries linked any easing of sanctions to Baghdad's honouring all Gulf war-related U.N. re-**Prosecution** concludes

Ten defendants, two of

whom are being tried in absen-

tia, are charged with plotting

to kill the Kiog at a graduation ceremony at Muta University,

a military academy south of Amman, on June 26, and to

Llamic caliphate state. They

are also accused of attempting

to change the Constitution

means and belonging to an

illegal group, the Islamic Li-

The eight defendants in

court - five of whom are

students at . Muta University,

one former student and a

member of the Royal Escort

Unit and two alleged members

of the ILP - have pleaded not

guilty to the charges.

The women relatives of de-

fendants were prevented from

attending the trial for the third

week and they sat quietly

under a large tree outside the

courthouse until the session

ended. Court sources said they

would not be allowd to attend

the hearings because of their

troom in the first two weeks of

the trial, which began Sept. 9.

The lawyers objected to the court decision saying the move

'affected the rights of the de-

fence in a trial that is supposed

Jordan Times that they had

kept quiet on Saturday, hoping

to be allowed entry, hut vowed

they would not be so calm

when the trial resumes on Oct.

10. Last week they carried

placards and protested against

their entry han, and often en-

gaged the policewomen in ver-

Al Ra'i reporter Ahmad

Kreishan, who has been cover-

ing security cases for many

years, was also hanned from

attending Saturday's session

Last week. Al Ahali weekly

reporter Ramadan Rawashdeh

was arrested but was released

on hall on Thursday and his

case was referred to the civil

court. He, as well as his chief

editor Jamil Nimri, face

hal clashes outside.

for unknown reasons.

The women later told the

to be public."

inside the cour-

beration Party (ILP).

"illegal and violent"

assassination plot case

Al Jumhuriya said Iraq was aware of such "procrastination" but it was determined this time "not to give the enemies the chance to create problems and fabricate crises with the aim of continuing the sanc-

Baghdad wants its compliance with the long-term disarmanent programme tied to the lifting of the embargo but Mr. Ekeus said on Thursday "no such link could be accepted.

Resolution 687 calls for the lifting of the sanctions on oil exports once Iraq complies with all U.N. demands on dis-

The Security Council recenty decided to renew the sanctions against Iraq, arguing that Baghdad had not yet met its conditions.

Al Jumhuriya accused four of the five permanent members of the Security Council - the United States, Britain, France and Russia - of "seeking to make the unjust embargo last" adding that the decisions was

A source close to the United Nations told AFP Friday that the Iraq-U.N. talks could help narrow differences between the two parties but that the "gap is still wide," namely over the lifting of the sanctions.

The IAEA meanwhile voted overwhelmingly Friday in Vienna to demand that Iraq release the names of foreign countries that supplied its nuclear weapons programme. Baghdad has consistently re-

sisted U.N. attempts to discover which firms helped it develop a nuclear weapons programme, which was dismantled hy U.N. experts io the wake of Iraq's defeat in the Gulf war.

The motion called on Iraq to submit to continuous monitoring of its water ways, as testing can reveal the existence of clandestine nuclear operations.

charges of "slandering" the

State Security Court and pub-

lishing the minutes of the hear-

ings which the court had

ordered journalists not to pub-

what they described as "the

continued violation of the de-

fence rights." They said the

permits for attending the hear-

ings contradicted the "consti-

tutionality of a public hear-

defence team. Mr. Younis also

maintained that the "certain

apparatus continues to harrass

the defendants by keeping

them in solitary confinement.

He added that his clients were

still "suffering from fear" from

the alleged torture they under-

went during their detention at

the General Intelligence De-

A doctor visited some of the

Court sources said that they

had "hand delivered" a re-

quest to the Ministry of Health

and the Royal Medical Ser-

vices as soon as the lawvers

submitted official requests for

the medical tests "to ensure a

addition to a doctor who super-

vised the torture at the GID, a

doctor in the (Zarqa military)

prison had supervised the

treatment of the defendants by

giving them daily baths in salt

and water to alleviate any signs

of torture they suffered before

they were transferred from the

Court sources denied the de-

The court was adjourned un-

til Oct. 10 when the defence

fence allegations, calling them

fantastic fabrications."

will present its case.

GID to the prison in August.'

The lawyers claimed that "in

speedy measure.

partment (GID).

Speaking on behalf of the

court's insistence on special

Inside the courtroom, de-

# Majid Khalifeh quits race; more IAF aspirants expected to follow

By Nermeen Murad Jordan Times Staff Reporter

BRITISH SUPPORT: Palestinian leader Yas-

ser Arafat shakes hands with British Secretary

of State in the Foreign Office, Douglas Hogg in

AMMAN --- The withdrawal of Majid Khalifeh, a prominent Islamic Action Front (IAF) candidate in the Nov. 8 national elections, may be the first in similar moves by several of the declared 37 IAF candidates, sources told the Jordan Times Saturday,

Dr. Khalifeh, a former deputy from Amman's First District who served as minister of justice for six months io 1991, announced Saturday that he was withdrawing his candidacy in attempt to ease competition among Islamist candidates vying for the same

"He is the first of, hopefully, about five more who should be withdrawing to ease the competition among IAF candidates in the one district," said a source close to the IAF.

"It is a commendable move and we hope it will encourage others to follow suit," an IAF source told the Jordan Times. Many IAF members believe the front exaggerated the number of its candidates

limiting the number of candidates. Although not officially confirmed by the IAF, other sources indicated that the front may be trying to decrease the number of its candidates by asking them to

because the leadership of the

front was not "decisive in

withdraw their nominations "I think that at least IO should be leaving the race hut I doubt that more than five



Dr. Majid Khalifeh would do it," the IAF source

The withdrawal of Dr. Khalifeb was seen as particularly significant since he is the son of Muslim Brotherhood spiritual leader Mohammad Abdul Rahman Khalifeh. The movement is the backbone of the IAF, which also includes independent Islam-

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Despite the significance of close observers of the IAF believe that it may not convince some candidates who believe that their own credihility and political weight will carry them to Parliament without the front's endorsement.

The IAF, according to sources, has already seot out instructions to its political hase in several districts to ignore the candidacy of persons who were not officially

named by the front. The front, which is the largest and most organised amongst all political groups in the country, hopes that this move would deter some IAF members who were disappointed over being left out of the original list or those who are now being asked to step aside for others in the same district,

his office in Tunis Friday. Mr. Hogg met with Mr. Arafat on the last day of his official three-day visit to Tunis (AFP photo)

In a statement announcing his decision to withdraw, Dr. Khalifeh indicated that he was against the bolding of elections on time in view of developments on the Palestinian scene and their impact on voters in the Kingdom.

The IAF was apparently divided over the issue of delaying the elections or bolding them on time after his Majesty King Hussein indicated two weeks ago that be was seriously considering a

postponement of the polls.
"As a result of the swift developments and political events, I had expressed my view that it is best to delay the elections for a short while until the picture became clearer," Dr. Khalifeh said in the statement.

But he also hinted that his lecision was equally affected by the large number of candidates in the same constituency "even among members of the same family.

"I was pained to see the race towards nomination without giving adequate attention to who is more qualified and able to receive the support of voters, which can only indicate that personal interest overrides public welfare," he added in the brief statement.

# Meeting on Lockerbie affair set at U.N. for Monday

UNITED NATIONS (Agencies) - Representatives of Britain, France and the United States are to meet with the U.N. secretary-general here Monday to discuss the Locker-bie affair, a U.N. spokesman said Saturday.

The meeting with Boutros Ghali, at the request of the three countries, is set for nooo (1600 GMT) Monday, Dr. Ghali's spokesman Joe Sills

The three coontries had tabled a resolution to the U.N. Security Council Friday calling for tighter sanctions against Tripoli because of its refusal to hand over two of its nationals accused of blowing up a Pan Am airliner over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988 killing 270

people.

France also wants to question at least two Libyans in connection with the blowing up of a French UTA airliner over Niger the following year, in which 170 people died. Libya delivered a letter Fri-

day to Dr. Ghali on the issue, but it contained no new elements and did not resolve the problem, Mr. Sills said.

The three countries had indicated that they would not be pressing immediately for the new sanctions resolution to be adopted, in the hope that Libya would respond.

Foreign Minister Omar Al Muotasser said Friday that his government would now he willing to allow the two sooght by the French to go to Paris, something it had hitherto refused,

French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe immediately responded that what was needed now was action, not words, and nothing less than a written guarantee to hand over the Lockberie and UTA suspects would do (see page 2).

Britain and the United

States had given a similar re-sponse to a Libyan offer earlier in the week to allow the Lockerbie suspects to go to Scotland to face trial. The draft resolution official-

ly introduced Friday calls for a freeze on Lihyan assets abroad, and a ban on exporting certain oil-industry equipment

There was no call for it to be immediately discussed or voted on, but all three countries made it clear that they would go ahead with it if no satisfactory response were forthcoming from Libya.

British Foreign Secretary

Douglas Hurd, also in New York attending the U.N. General Assembly, said Friday: "We have tabled the resolution today, that is press-

acute focus on improving the

lives of the Palestinians as they

move towards self-rule in the

West Bank and Gaza Strip. As

set out in the Sept. 13 accord,

rather than on set-piece di-

plomacy, Prioce Hassan said.

media events io Washington or

Oslo or Tunis or whatever, as a

substitute for change on the

ground," he said.

You can't continue with

### Transparent trast bags raise a stink

TOKYO (AFP) - A

ordinance requiring Tokyo sidents to use transparent a bags has created a stink am those who cootend garbage private affair. The city o nance was designed to pregarbagemen from being cui glass hidden among the reft :25 311 3CK and was seen as a way of forcing Tokyo's eight mile residents to comply with environmental law requithem to set aside burn. trash in separate bags. W. ever the merits of the c nance, its implementation. few supporters. The last st. for many residents appeare have been another part of: ordinance that requires 1 dents to fill out name tage. their household trash h: The proviso provoked viment protests from residewho even took to a Japai form of civil disobedience ignoring the rules. Only a. clear trash bags could be : . along the residential street the nation's capital Friday. . normal black ones were or force. Because of the stri-protests, officials have g Tokyo residents a three-an half-month "grace period get used to the oew ordinas; 1 Ku: 2.5 And officials have also bat off from a threat that the who do not write their na., oo the hags won't get trash picked up.

### Plane for Paris struck by lightnir

ROME (AP) - Light. struck an Air France plane, after takeoff Friday and fo ... an emergency landing, 1 reports said. None of the passengers was injured, ... bolt damaged the front pathe plane and the radar, Italian news agency (A. emergency to the control te..." and landed the plane c runway that had been de of traffic. The plane was F 619 headed for Paris. Mo the passengers took a

### Beheaded queerites five to stand re-trial shats

PARIS (R) - French the

history Friday wben a :opens in Paris re-staging ... trial of ill-fated Queen Mr . . . . Antoioette during which: audience will act as jury. I-.: . Was Marie-Antoinette), ences at Paris' Palais Sports indoor stadium wi asked to decide the fate o queen who was beheader. treason on Oct. 16, 1793. audience, whose vote will, tate the ending of the pli each performance, will have choice between confirming death sentence or allowing Austrian-born queen's ac tal, exile or prison. The has revived some of the terest which swept Francis 1989 during celebrations n ing the 200th anniversar the revolution which C threw Marie-Antoinette's band, Louis XVI. He was headed in January 1793 a height of a controversial pe of the revolution called terror." More than JC. monarchists attendes. privately-organised c memorative ceremony at site of his execution, on k... prestigious Place De La corde, last January. The stage production, by known avant-garde dirt Robert Hossein, is alr fuelling "revisionist" view the life of Marie-Antoin the life of Marie-random who during her reign focus of the marinet the marinet

### Soui singer jailed in drunker driving case

HACKENSACK, New J. . . (AFP) — Soul artist W Pickett was sentenced year in jail for injuring while ing drank. Superior C Judge Arthur Minuskio sentenced the singer to years probation and ord bim to receive continued. hol treatment and comments service. Pickett, known in hospital performing Mustang Sally
In The Midnight Hipleaded guilty to assaul automobile in connection ... the April 1992 inciden which an 86-year-old man hospitalised several mo with head injuries. He faces charges of driving div across a neighbour's law

### Lifting boycott is suicide — Crown Prince be tangihle change in the re-

(Continued from page 1) weapons since Gulf war and

defendants last Sunday to here we are talking about a check for signs of torture upon commitment of less than \$2 the request of the defence. But hillion on peace," he said. lawvers complained to journal-To this end, Prince Hassan ists that the court had refused said there must be a greater to allow "neutral" doctors they coordination of aid to the rehad proposed from the Unigion, and called for an internaversity of Jordan, and that they tional meeting of nonhave not seen the doctors' re-

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described Mr. Clinton's com-

continue with the U.S. to re-

duce the debt due to the U.S.

and other nations," Dr.

Muasher told Jordan Televi-

"We hope that contacts will

ments as "highly positive."

governmental organisations. "We simply can't continue to see piecemeal handouts and amateurish approaches, altruistic though they may be, amounting to anything in terms of dealing with the global prohlem of suffering," he said. Echoing comments made by

like that.'

Middle East peace negotiators, Prince Hassan said there must Movement towards addressing concerns

gion before there is peace and hefore the economie boycott of Israel can be lifted. can't accept that overnight the region is going to be normalising, pacified, loboto-mised in the name of peace,"

What is needed now is an

he said. "It just doesn't happen

Palestinians." "It will involve Jordanian supervision of monetary institutions in the occupied territories, licensing of commercial hanks and overseeiog implementation of projects in addition to offering whatever goods and material it can in the physical rebuilding process."

"But all indications are that Jordan could also hope for direct foreign assistance to its own economy," said the analyst. Prince Hassan, in a press

conference after Saturday's meeting at the World Bank, said he was not visiting Washington to sign any agreement or hold negotiations. He said he had reiterated

Jordan's commitment to achieving a just and comprehensive peace settlement in the Middle East addressing all dimensions and tracks of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The Crown Prince said international funding to develop the Middle East should not be focused on infrastructure and services, but on developing human resources

Prince Hassan delivered a message from His Majesty King Hussein to President Clinton at Friday's meeting at the White House. The meeting was later joined by Mr. Peres. Diplomatic sources said there was no "American pressure" for a meeting hetween Crown Prince and Mr. Peres, but that Washington "felt that the encounter could help advance the peace process."

Summing up the Crown Prince's visit to Washington as highly positive, a senior official told the Jordan Times in Amman Saturday that Jordan was looking forward to turning a new leaf in its regional and international relations.

The official said: "There is a distinctly marked change in the world attitude towards Jordan, particularly from its traditional friends who now believe that it was not fair to bave treated Jordan the way they did in the past three years."

The official, who declined to be named, said that the fast pace in the two-year-old Middie East peace process, the Israel-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) agreement signed on Sept. 13, the signing of the Jordanian-Israeli agenda on Sept. 14 and international solidarity with and support for the quest for Arab-Israeli peace were some of the factors. "Over and above everything

else, the realisation that geopolitics dictate that there cannot be lasting peace in the Middle East without Jordan was a major factor that led to the shift in attitude," said the

### Assad: Israel is not serious for peace (Continued from page I) Israel-Lebanon talks

assassination plot trial.

territory, peace and security. Asked whether the Arabs would end their longstanding boycott of Israel, Mr. Assad replied: "Perhaps after a (Israeli) withdrawal from all

(occupied) Arab land." Mr. Assad's interview was boradcast three days ahead of a visit to Washington by Syria Foreign Mioister Farouk Al Sharaa, the first such visit for .20 years.

The United States has suggested the creation of a joint Lehanese-Israeli commission to discuss ways to accelerate the peace process between 

paper reported Saturday. The U.S. proposal was examined Friday in Damascus hy Lebanese President Elias Hrawi and Mr. Assad, the pro-Syrian daily said.

Washington said the commission could discuss an Israeli withdrawal from South Lebanon, security arrangements and the deployment of the Lebanese army along the international border, the daily said.

The commission would also examine ways of stopping anti-Israeli attacks and the "integration of the Israeli-backed militia," the South Lehanon Army (SLA), into the

Diplomatic sources noted that any American offer of debt relief to Jordan will also strengthen Jordan's stand in appealing for deht relief to European countries, which have been arguing that if Washington was not ready to write off the Kingdom's dehts. then it also should not pressure

them into doing so. Prince Hassan Saturday met with World Bank President Caio Koch-Weser and discussed with him Jordan's overall economic situation and particularly its foreign deht. It was agreed at the meeting.

attended by Planning Minister Ziad Fariz and Finance Minister Sami Gammo, that a committee of prominent international experts will be set up to study Jordan's economic situation and to draw up appropriate recommendations to reflect the Kingdom's needs and identify projects that could be implemented. Jordan Television

"Discussions also covered Jordan's foreign deht in light of

the recent developments in the region in a manner that would enable the Kingdom to proceed with its economic development plans aimed at reducing the deficit in the fiscal budget and the country's halance of trade and to help increase investment opportunities and deal with issues such as poverty and unemployment.

the television said. In essence, the proposal to set up a committee to study Jordan's economy appeared to be the fulfilment of a Jordanian quest to have the World Bank study the overall regional economic impact, positive and negative, of the Palestinian autonomy plan in the occupied territories which are tied to the Israeli economy.

Dr. Muasher said the idea of setting up a Jordanian-Israeli-American economic working group announced Friday was not a Jordanian idea, but the Kingdom accepted it since it was supported by Washington.

Analysts said the group could serve as a "window" for Jordan into the Palestinian economy, particularly that the Americans were involved in the panel.

"Jordan will be playing a key role in rehuilding the occupied territories," said a veteran analyst. "That role will be within the international development programme for the